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Within these walls and on these these grounds,
We, the Seniors, have lived and learned.

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Living and Learning
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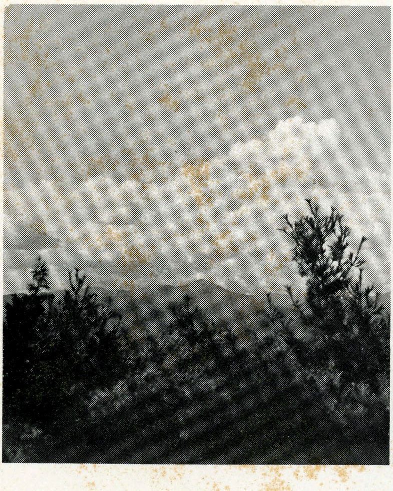

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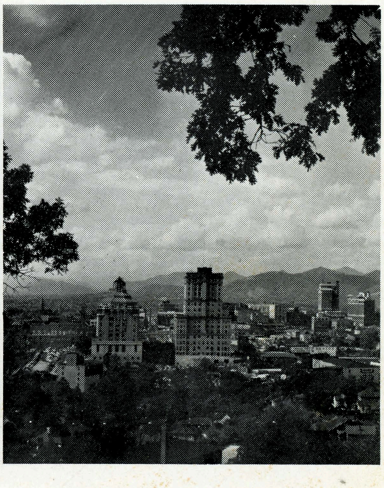

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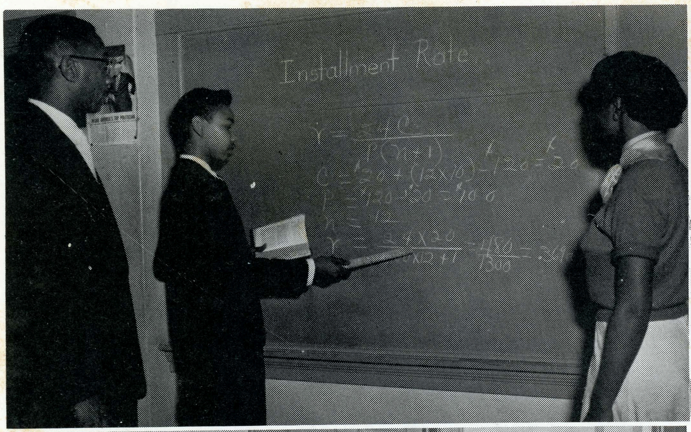
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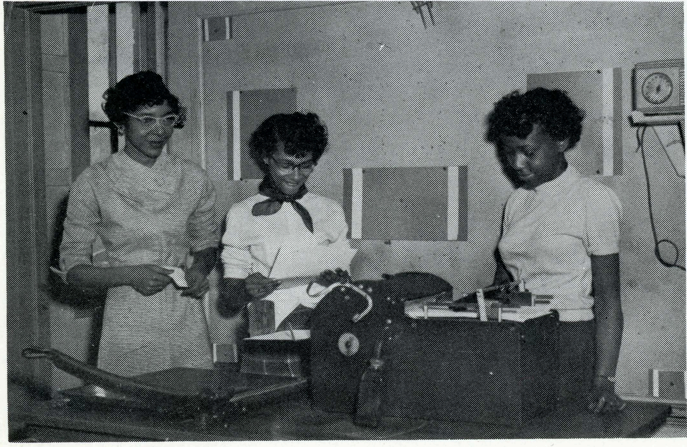
FOREWORD

We, the Seniors of Stephens-Lee, have reached the twelfth step on the educational ladder. It was only four short years ago that we joined the "Stephens-Lee Family" as eager freshmen with a desire to live and learn together. Year by year, we have climbed upward steadily, meeting our problems but learning to solve them and to live together harmoniously. Our memories are pleasant ones, because our journey has been an enjoyable and unforgetable experience. As we have helped to mold Stephens-Lee, so have we been molded into well poised and well prepared individuals who are ready to meet the challenging problems of life.

This edition of the *Bear* gives a written and pictorial record of the Alma Mater during the school year of 1954-55. It is



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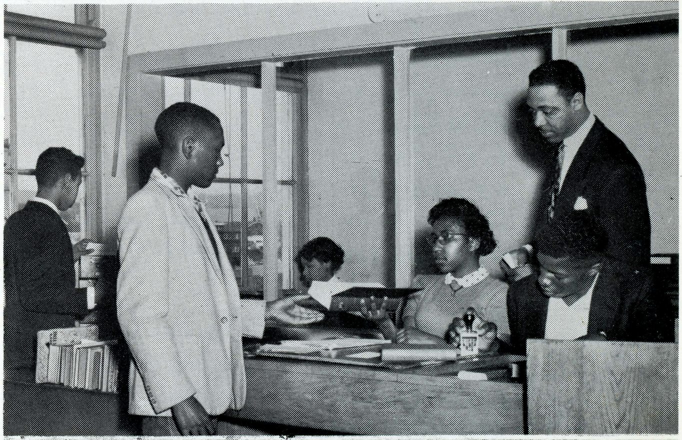
another link in the chain which leaves to everyone each year a bundle of memories, long to be remembered and always to be cherished. The 1952 *Bear* established the foundation for this and other editions to follow.

Our sincere appreciation goes to everyone who helped to make this yearbook what it is. We express our deepest thanks to our advisors, Mrs. Toliver, Mrs. Carolina, Miss Rumley and Miss White, who labored long and arduously to achieve the goal of publishing a first class yearbook. They extended their cooperation beyond the requirements of service.

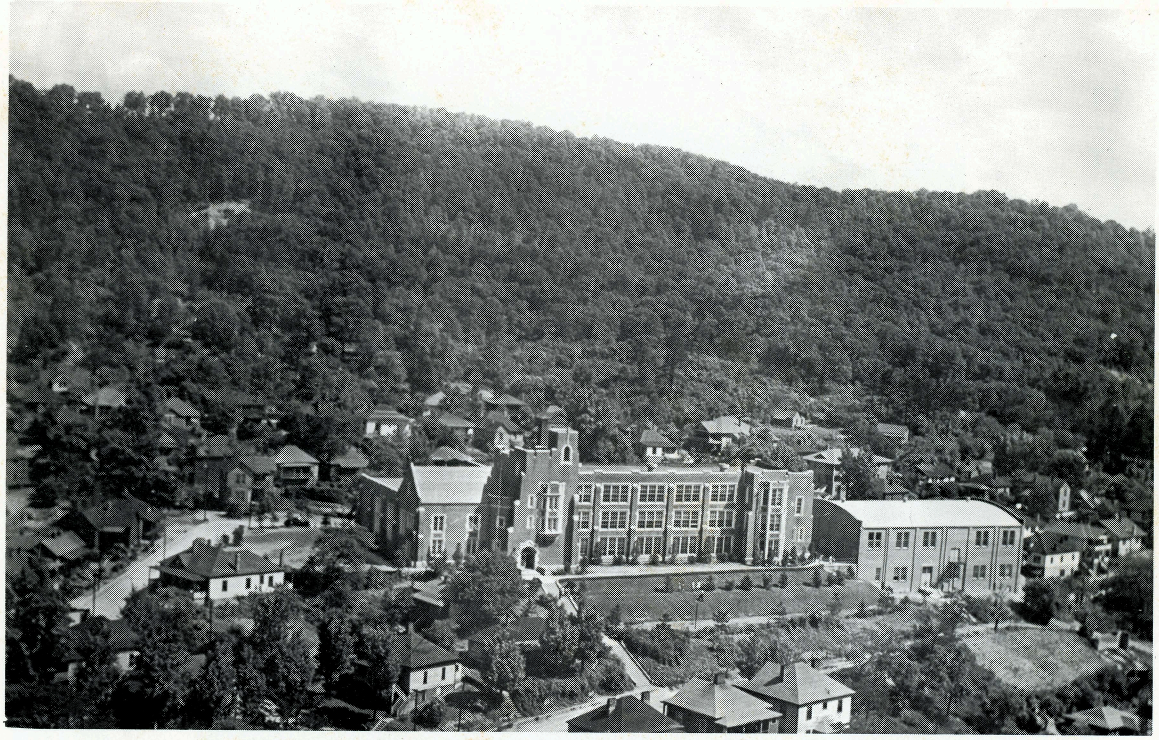
As you glance into the faces of those whom you see within these pages, we hope that you will share with them some of the joy, love, and genuine affection which we have for our school.

The Editor



To Our Parents

The 1955 *Bear* is dedicated to our beloved parents who have sympathized, encouraged, inspired, and wisely counselled us. Their advice has given us power to meet the many perplexities which have confronted us during our high school career. To them we owe our love and deepest appreciation.



The Setting

Stephens-Lee High, fondly called the "Castle on the Hill" by the students, is that beautiful structure located on George Washington Carver Avenue, which towers high over the heart of the city of Asheville in the "Land of the Sky." Here students grapple with the languages, science, mathematics, literature, art, commercial and vocational education, and other curricular subjects. Here many gala activities take place during the course of a school year. All of the members of this "happy family" share in the clubs and various activities that help to keep the school spirit high.

Our unique curriculum falls into two divisions and offers us a well-balanced schedule of courses. Along with the regular academic subjects, we have the general education or core program, which is a combination of English, mathematics, and social studies. In this program, students by means of listening, observing, working, reporting, discussing, interviewing, making field trips, and evaluating explore problems and attempt to find their solution, all of which have their antecedents somewhere in the past. It was in this program that the Citizenship Education Project was introduced.

When graduation time rolls around, the students from our school are prepared to meet the requirements of colleges and universities. During the spring of each year many seniors may be found filling out application blanks for college entrance, hoping to gain more knowledge in these institutions of higher learning.

As the curtain closes on Commencement Day exercises, the high school career of another group of seniors is ended. "They have finished to begin."

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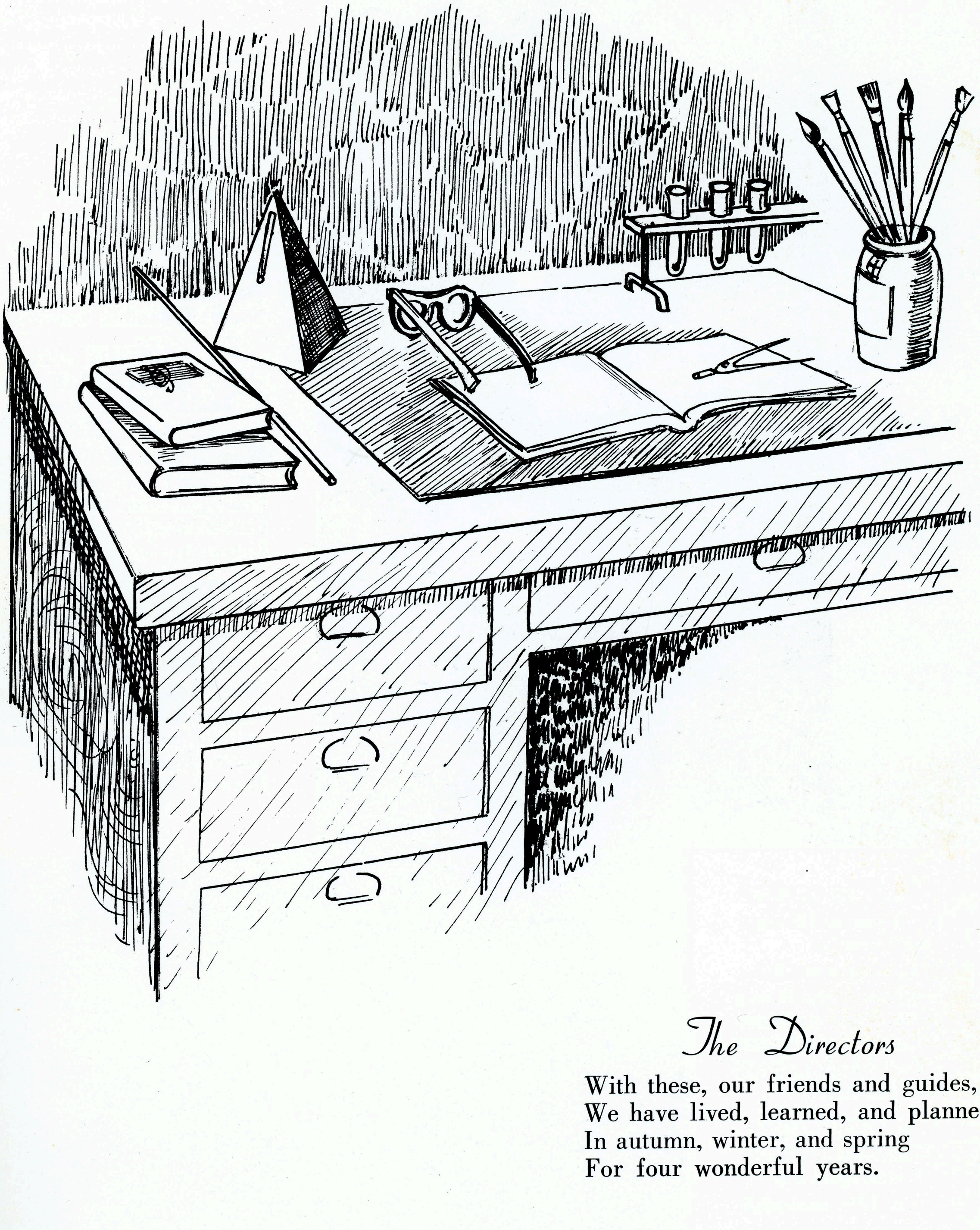

The Directors

With these, our friends and guides,
We have lived, learned, and planned
In autumn, winter, and spring
For four wonderful years.

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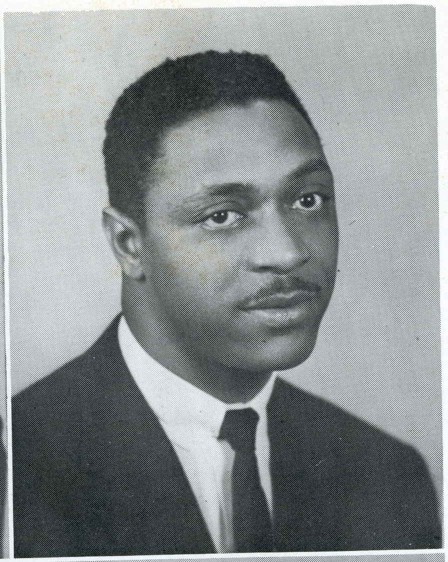

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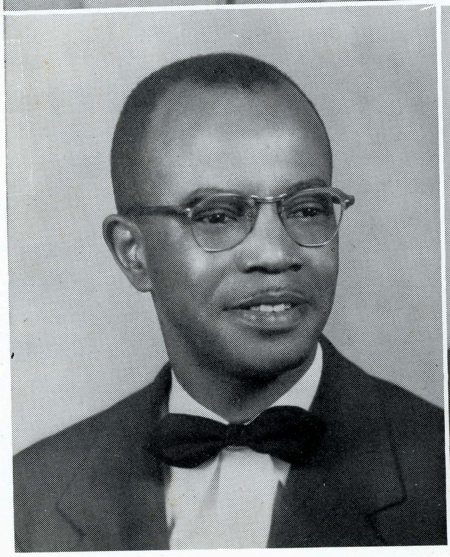

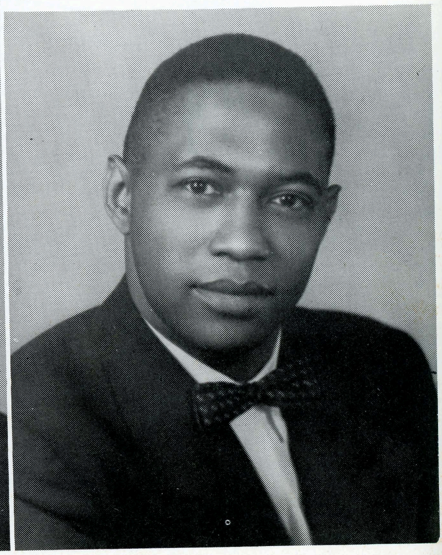

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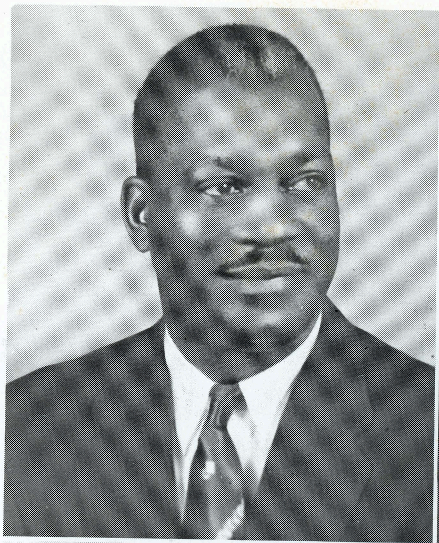

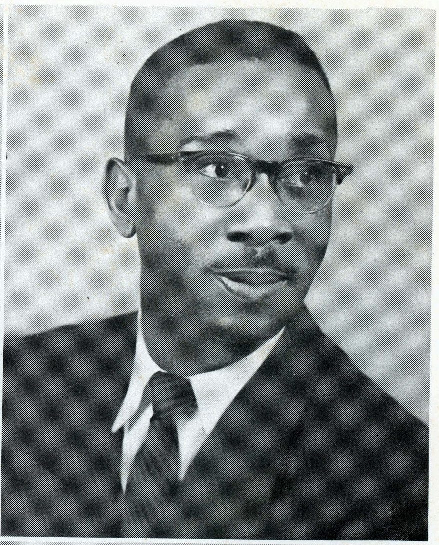

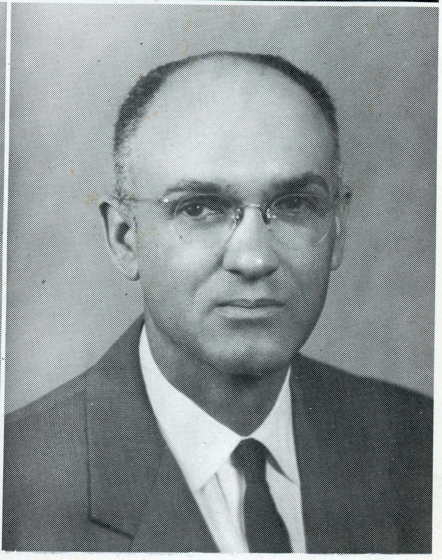

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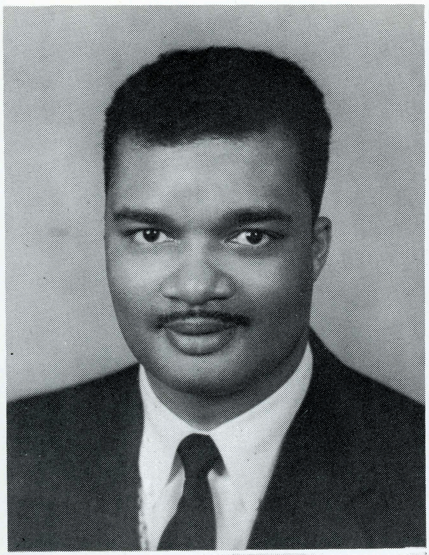

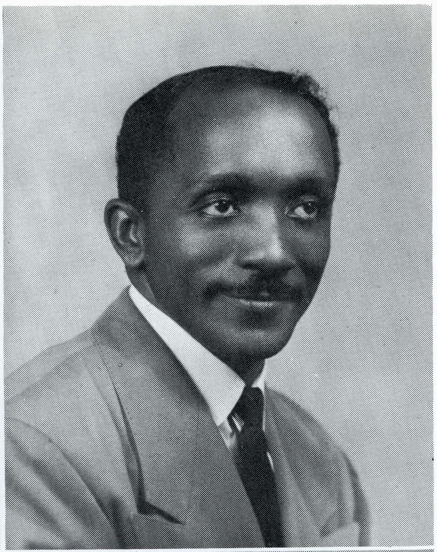

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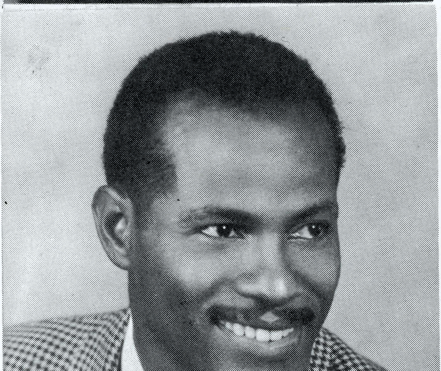

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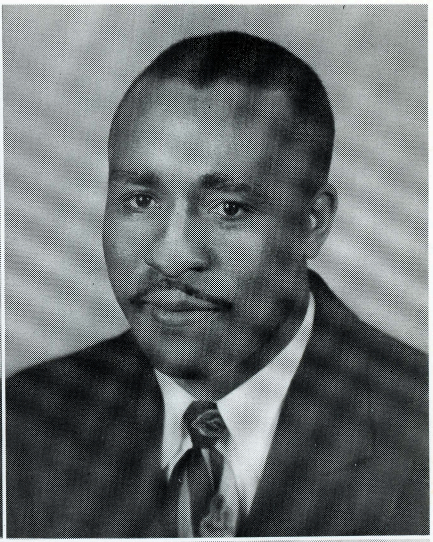

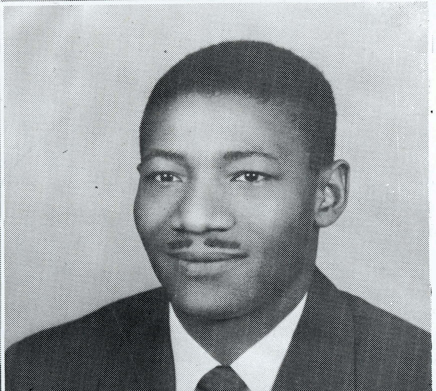

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Left to Right: *Mrs. E. W. Williams, Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Mr. L. D. Burton, Mrs. A. P. Toliver and Mr. L. T. Haith.*

Miss Rumley, Mrs. Foster, and Mr. Toliver check the records of a graduating student.

Guidance Counselling

An important aspect of our general education or core curriculum is the guidance area. One can note with pride the increasing respect that both students and teachers pay to it. Students bring problems of all types to teachers and counsellors in order to get aid in trying to find a solution to them. Whether it is a problem dealing with school attendance, new work experience, choosing a vocation, choice of college, or a personal one, the student feels free to confer with the counsellors who are trained in the techniques of guidance.

Wilma Ray consults with Miss Rumley, counsellor, regarding College Entrance Examinations.

Juanita Wilson

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Senior Memoirs

ACT IV

Scene 1: Autumn

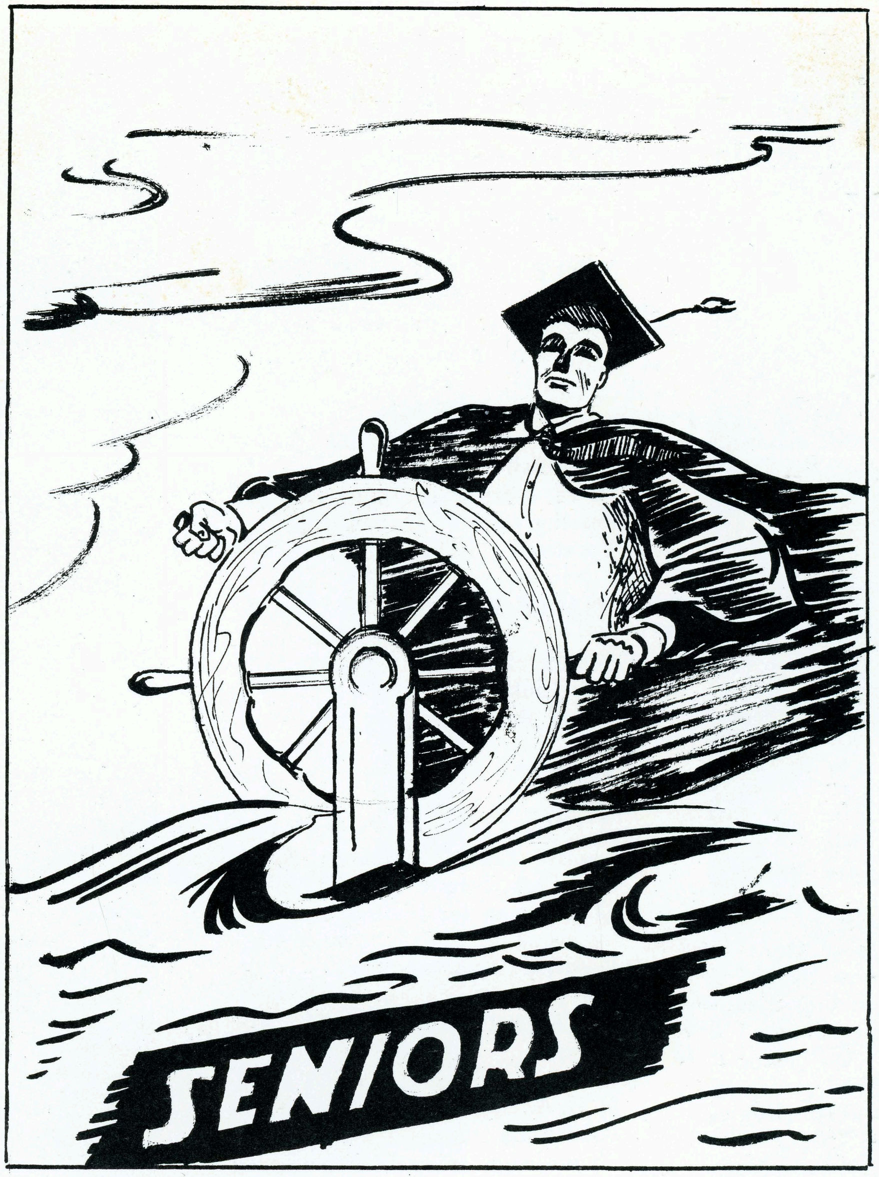
The curtain rises on August 31, 1954 as the students at Stephens-Lee are caught registering for the fall semester . . . Excitement, nervous chatter, problems of conflicts, selection of teachers and courses . . . Freshmen orientation . . . "There's nothing Quite Like It" being broadcast and televised over radio and T.V. stations S.L.H. . . . Indian Summer . . . The oak tree of Beaucatcher "lipsticked with autumn" . . . Rugged contests on the gridiron . . . Rain-soaked fans eagerly cheering the Bears to victory . . . The laughter and gaiety of homecoming!!! . . . Finally "Miss Stephens-Lee," beautifully robed in Maroon and Grey and accompanied by two lovely attendants, is crowned in ceremony befitting the honor . . . The big buffalo clouds, roaming the blue sky prairie . . . Hurricane Hazel, sending rain, thunder and lightning storms . . . A sudden drop in temperature and bitter cold weather comes, driving students indoors to take refuge from the rain filled clouds . . . "Senior All Star Night" . . . final game of the season at Memorial Stadium . . . the Band making unique formations, white batons glittering . . . "The Autumn foliage moves from a bright water to a soft pastel, and then to a dark oil painting of rich browns" . . . At last comes "the steel engraving of winter."

Scene 11: Wiinter

A hush . . . The curtain rises on the stage revealing the bountifully filled and beautifully decorated baskets heaped with the fruits of the harvest for those less fortunate . . . Thanksgiving holidays: "We thank thee all, our God" . . . The Christmas Formal with the traditional tree, beautifully decorated. Students singing religious and popular carols around it and presenting a gift to a deserving principal . . . "Winter trees standing like empty glasses, waiting the wine of spring" . . . Late hours spent in preparation for the semester exams . . . Basketball! . . . Enthusiastic fans cheering the team to victory in the school and city auditoriums . . . another "first" for the Bears. Western District runners-up and semi-finalists in the State AAA Basketball Tournament . . . Thoughts of baseball . . . New faces in old uniforms, but always that fighting spirit crying, "Victory for S.L.H."

Scene 111: Spring

The curtain opens again for the final time . . . "tall flower stalks swing their heavy fists, shadow boxing in the evening wind" . . . the tenseness and excitement of the Intra-mural Tournament . . . Four Way Test Day . . . Fiery speeches, falling from the lips of energetic candidates, eager for victory in the Student Council election . . . A freshness floating through the misty morning air . . . The workmanship exhibited in "Apple of His Eye," a warm and tender comedy, the spring production of the Playmakers and the Spolighters . . . Hard spring baseball training and then a championship team . . . The Dance Group performing gracefully and rythmically . . . melodious music . . . The band in a stirring performance of "Die Fledermaus" and the glee club in "Ave Verum" and "Celia" . . . Honor's Day with due recognition for deserving students . . . "time falls asleep in the afternoon sunshine!" Finally . . . The Yearbook!!



The Main Characters

We, the Very Important People,
Have been living and learning.

In Autumn

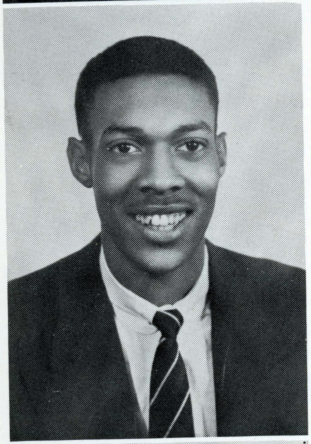
"As Midas lays on all the trees his golden touch."

In Winter

"As winter storms play the black lightning of forked limbs against the sky."

In Spring

"As spring comes back with rustling shades
And apple blossoms fill the air."



EDITH JEAN ABBOTT
"Edie Boo"
Commercial Club, French Club
Vocation: Social Worker
N. H. A., Commercial Club, Office Staff
"To thine own self be true."

JUNETTA ANNIE RUBY BEEKS
"Junie"
"Wisdom is better than riches."
Vocation: Elementary Teacher

JAMES ADAMS
"Horse"
Basketball
"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice."
Vocation: Professional Baseball

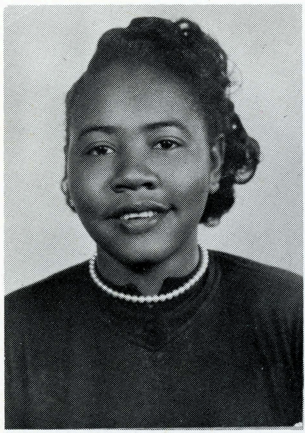
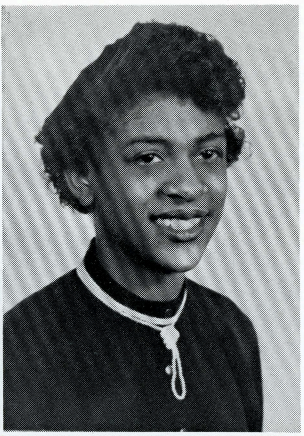
MABLE REBECCA BRADLEY
"May"
Commercial Club, Camera Club, Glee Club
"Good things come to those who wait."
Vocation: Nurse

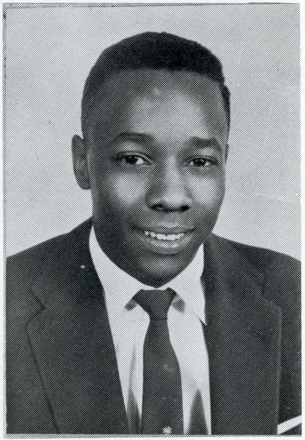
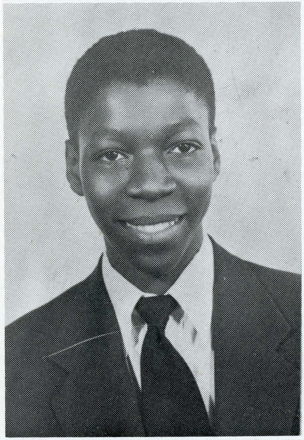
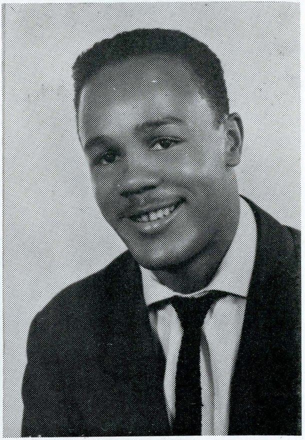
EDYTH CONSTANCE BAILEY
Spanish Club, Commercial Club, Glee Club, Senior Clique Club
"Every man for himself and God for us all."
Vocation: Secretary

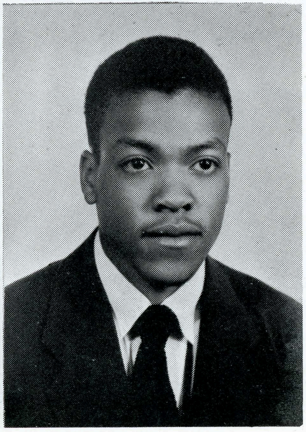
CHRISTIANNA BREWER
'Chris"
Crown and Scepter, Spanish Club, N. H. A., Commercial Club, Yearbook Staff
"Knowledge is man's crown of distinction."
Vocation: Secretary

JEAN BARTON
"Willie Clause"
Commercial Club
"Incline thine ear unto wisdom and apply thine heart to understanding."
Vocation: Secretary

JEAN HARLOW BREWTON
"Jeanie"
Crown and Scepter, N. H. A., Office Staff, Commercial Club, Camera Club, Yearbook
"Everywhere in life the true question is not what we gain, but what we do."
Vocation: Stenographer



WILLIE RUTH BROADUS
"Lump"
Art Club
"Ask for what you want and pay for what you get."
Vocation: Nurse

ANNIE RUTH BUGG
"Ann"
Crown and Scepter, Senior Council, Glee Club
"Honor and shame from no condition rise; act well your part, there all the honor lies.
Vocation: Nurse

CATHERINE CARPENTER
"Cat"
Glee Club
"It is better to try and fail than to fail to try."
Vocation: Secretary

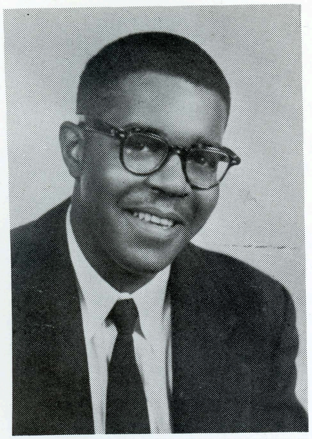
LOUIS NATHANIEL CARSON
"Hen"
"My motto is getting to school on time."
Vocation: Cabinet Maker

HORACE MEDFORD CASEY
"Bishop Johnson"
French Club, Band, Yearbook Staff
"Practice makes perfect."
Vocation: Radio and Television Technician or Artist

WAYNE CARROL COLEMAN
"John Wayne"
Varsity Club, Football, Basketball, Baseball, Senior Clique
"He who knows best knows not that he is a success."
Vocation: Professional Baseball Player

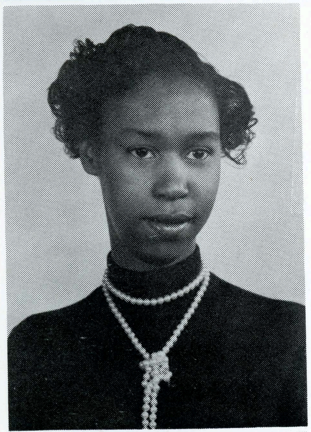
BERTHA NELL CORNISH
"Bert"
Commercial Club, N. H. A., Glee Club
"Let God be your guide."
Vocation: Secretary

BOBBY DAVIS
"Scientist"
"Never put off what you can do today until tomorrow."
Vocation: Mathematician

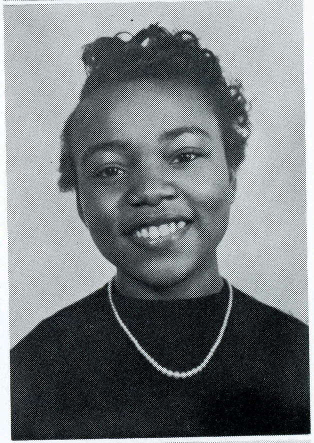


MARTIN COY DAWKINS
"Dalas"
Student Council, Crown and Scepter, Staff, French Club, Senior Clique Club.
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
Vocation: Journalist or Science Teacher

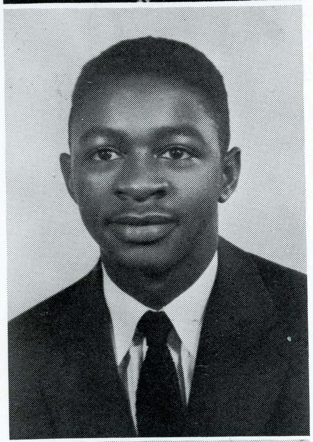
ROSAMAE REBECCA ERVIN
"Rose"
Student Council, Crown and Scepter, Senior Clique, French Club, Family Life, Skylighter Staff, Yearbook Staff, Reporter of French Club
Vocation: Business Education Teacher



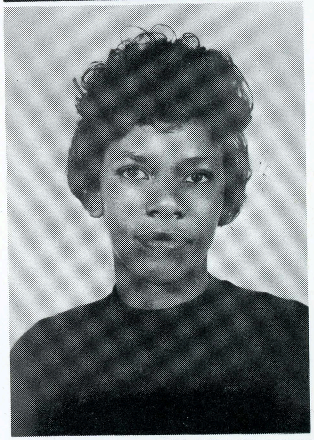
IRENE CECILIA DILL
"Dill Pickle"
French Club, N. H. A.
"Precious friends are hard to find; they can be broken and mended, but there is always a crack."
Vocation: Elementary Teacher



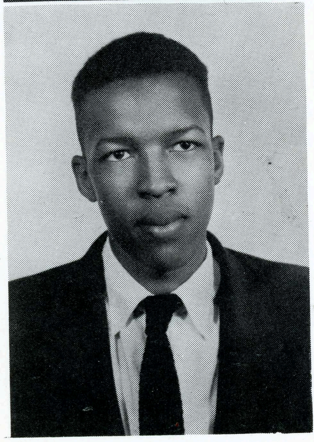
JOHNNIE MAE FAIR
Student Council, Band, French Club, Literary Club, Skylighter, Dramatics, Commercial Club, Glee Club, Crown and Secpter, Yearbook Staff
"Music is the universal language of mankind."
Vocation: Concert Pianist



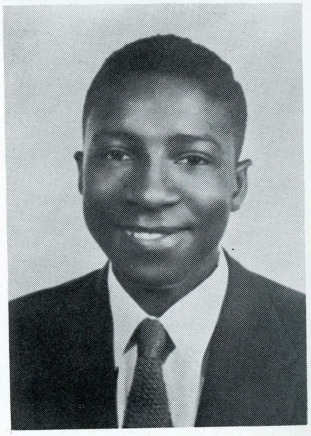
JEROME HOWARD DUDLEY
"Cool Breeze"
French Club, Crown and Scepter, Editor-in-Chief Yearbook Staff, President of Senior Class.
"A prudent man is like a pin; his head prevents him from going too far."
Ambition: To receive the Ph.D. degree in Sociology



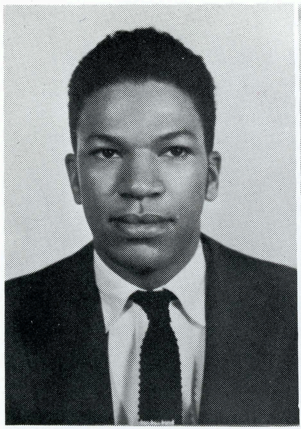
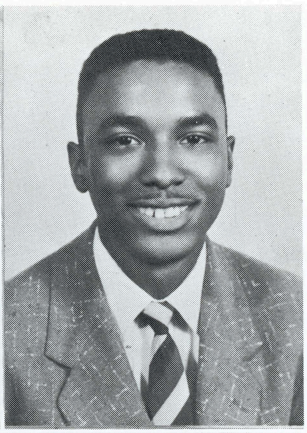
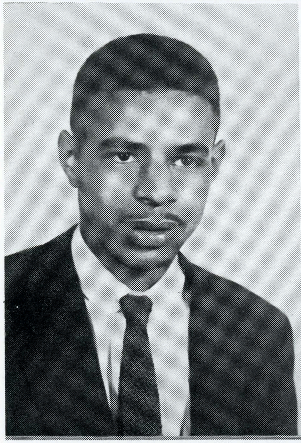
VIRGINIA ANNE FLEMING
"Sister"
Skylighter Staff, Senior Clique Club
"The door to success is labeled 'push',"
Vocation: Elementary Teacher

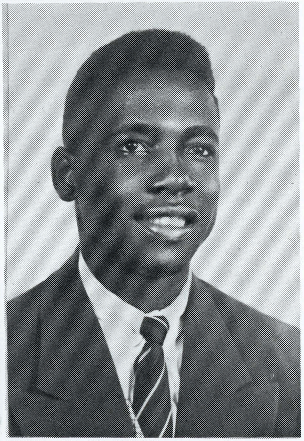


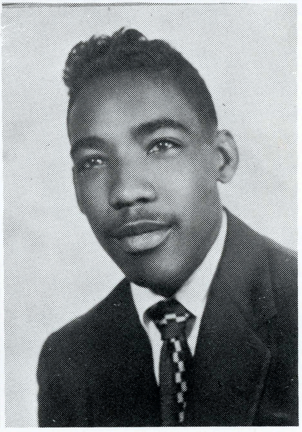
JOSEPH EDDINGS
"Joe"
Basketball
"Be the best of whatever you are."
Vocation: College Basketball Coach



CLIFTON FRIDAY
"Jack Friday"
Glee Club, French, Art Club
"Evil to him who evil thinks."
Vocation: Commercial Artist





CHARLES LOUIS GOUDLOCK
Varsity Club, Crown and Scepter, Skylighter Staff, Spanish Club, Vice President of 12-3
"Give to the world the best that you have and the best will come back to you."
Vocation: Medical Doctor

GEORGE ASBURY GRAGG
"Say Hey"
Varsity
"He who contributes nothing is seldom disappointed."
Vocation: Physical Education Instructor

JAMES AUDRY GREEN
"Goo Goo"
Band
"He who stumbles over the same stone twice, deserves to break his neck."
Vocation: Musician

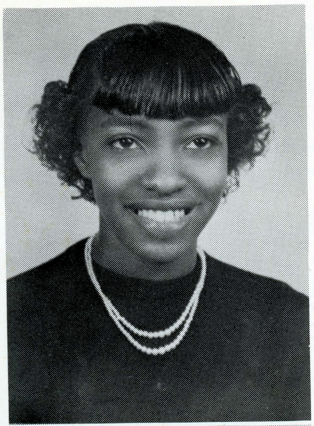
PANSYE LITTLE GREENLEE
"Pan"
Glee Club
"Life is a pure flame and we live by an invisible sun within us."

PRECIOUS TINY GREENLEE
"Prec"
Student Council, Dramatic Club, Commercial Club, Office Staff
"A man's grasp should be higher than his reach, or why a heaven?"
Vocation: Surgical Nurse

EUGENE HAMMONDS
"Gene"
President of Varsity Club, Senior Clique, Yearbook Staff
"Keep Hustling."

EDVENIA VERONICA HARRIS
"Cookie"
N. H. A., Art Club
"Nothing is possible without the help of God."
Vocation: Private Secretary

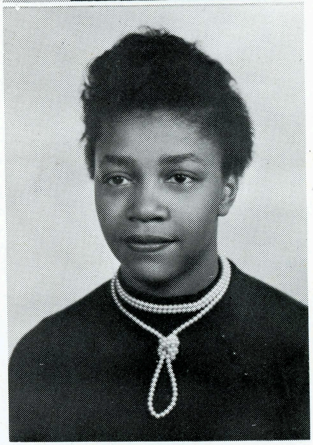
JAMES EDWARD HARRISON
"Cherokee"
Football, Glee Club, Senior Clique Club
"Be the best of whatever you are."
Vocation: Obstetrician



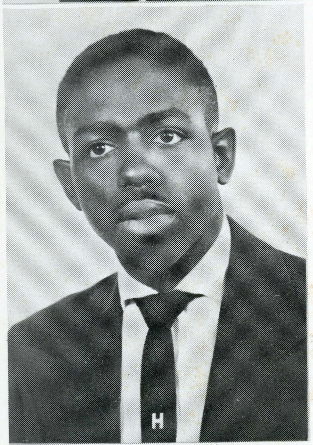
SYLVIA HEARD
"Sis"
Camera Club, Glee Club, N. H. A.
"You cannot achieve anything without a struggle."
Vocation: Nurse

BETTY ANNE JACKSON
"Dizzy"
French Club, Glee Club, Skylighter Staff
"God gave us a good name, but to read and write is a gift of nature."
Vocation: Nurse

MARTHA N. HERRING
"Pamela"
Glee Club
"Whatever you are, be the best."
Vocation: Nurse



MARY RUTH JACKSON
"Baby Ruth"
Glee Club, Spanish Club
"It's always better to keep your mouth closed and be thought a fool than to open it and betray the fact."
Vocation: Nurse

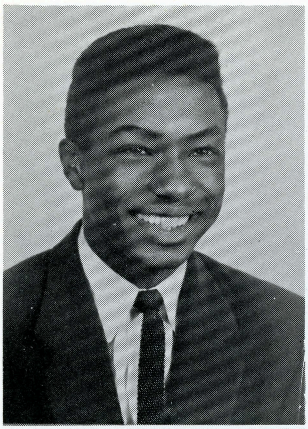
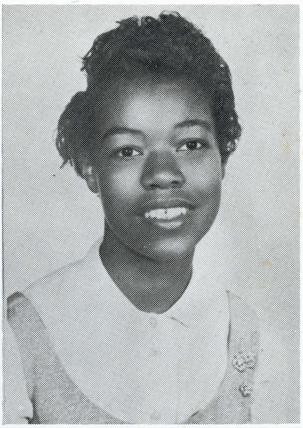
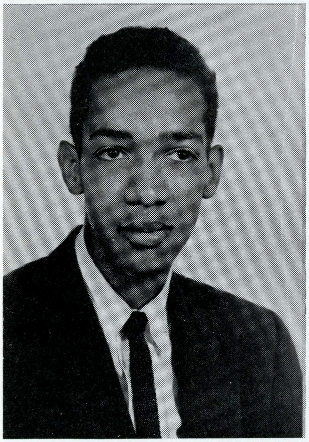
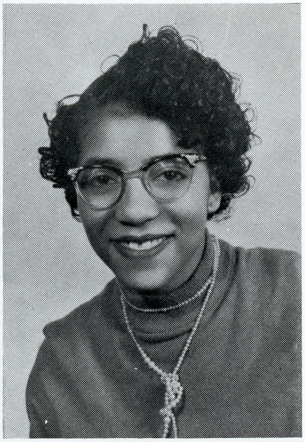
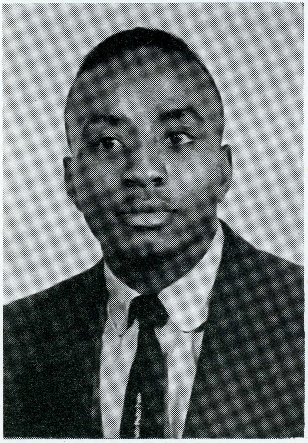
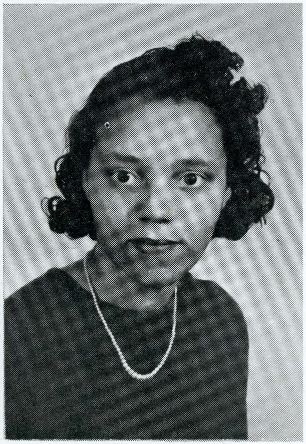
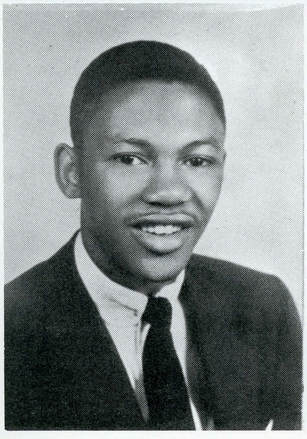
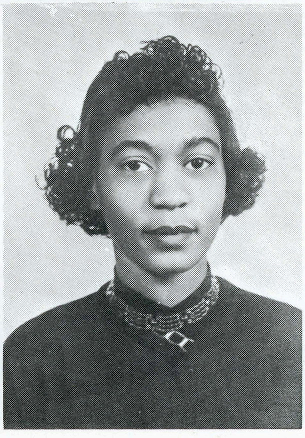


JAMES LOUIS HILL
"Rabbit"
Varsity Club, Trade Club
"When the world is at your finger tips, just reach out a little further and you will have it."
Vocation: Baseball Player

MARTHA CARROLL JAMES
"Little Bit"
"Less than my best is failure."
Vocation: Secretary

BETTY JEAN IRBY
Glee Club
"Old time, that greatest and largest established spinner of all, his work is noiseless, and his hands are mutes."
Vocation: Nurse

ELAINE JETER
"Jeet"
"Opportunities are not to be neglected; they rarely come twice."
Vocation: Stenographer

ALONZO JOHNSON
"Longhead"
Varsity Club, Glee Club, French Club, Senior Clique Club, Student Council
"Not the end, just the beginning."
Vocation: Professional Basketball Player

MILDRED JONES
"Chunky"
Dramatics
"I have no way of judging the future but by the past."
Vocation: Nurse

JIMMY JOSEPH
"Pete"
Student Council, Yearbook Staff, Skylighter Staff, Senior Clique, Crown and Scepter
"Like a mint julep, tall, cool and refreshing."
Vocation: Professor

GERLADINE KOON
"Jerry"
Art Club
"Art is indeed not the bread but the wine of life."
Vocation: Artist

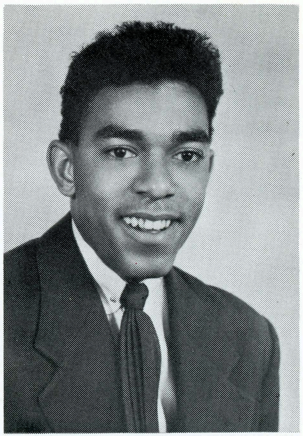
THOMAS LINTON, JR.
"Big"
Crown and Scepter, French Club, Student Council, Glee Club, Senior Council, Varsity Football, Commercial Club
"Be the best of whatever you are."
Vocation: Principal

IRMA LUEVENIA LITTLEJOHN
Crown and Scepter, N. H. A., French Club, Commercial Club, Office Staff, Yearbook Staff, Senior Council
"Heaven helps those who help themselves."
Vocation: Elementary Teacher or Secretary

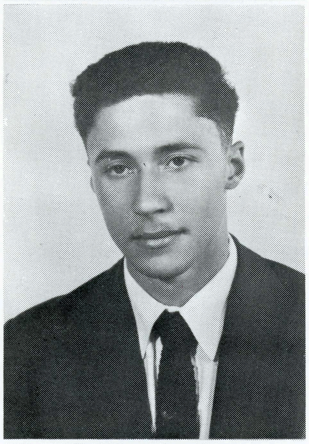
ALEXANDER LOOPER
"A. Q"
Mayor Student Council, Dramatics, Boys' Chorus, Family Life Council, Yearbook Staff, Crown and Scepter Club
"To find a helping hand, look at the end of your arm."
Vocation: F.B.I. Agent

DONNA MAE LYLES
"Miss Ann"
Spotlighter, N. H. A., Skylighter News Staff, Commercial Club
"It is what I love that determines how I love."
Vocation: Secretary

JUANITA LYLES
"Nita"
"Business is business."
Vocation: Nurse or Secretary



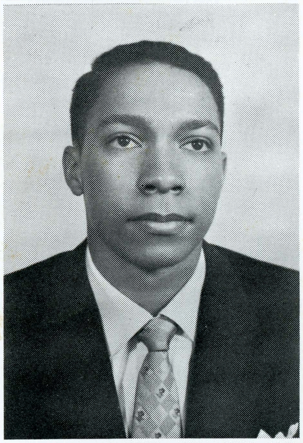
RICHARD FRANK McDAY
"Ricky"
Business Manager of Skylighter, Advertising Editor of Yearbook, Office Staff, Commercial Club, Camera Club
"Give to the world the best that you have and the best will come back to you.'
Vocation: Dentist



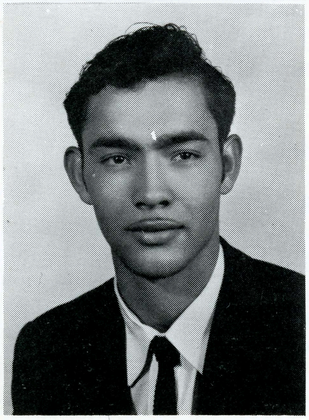
WALLACE LYNCH
"Wat"
Literary Club
"Hard things are put in front of us to call out our courage and strength."
Vocation: Electrician

GWENDOLYN SURVURN MEANS
"Gwen"
Crown and Scepter, Glee Club, Spanish Club
"Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player that struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more."
Vocation: Elementary Teacher

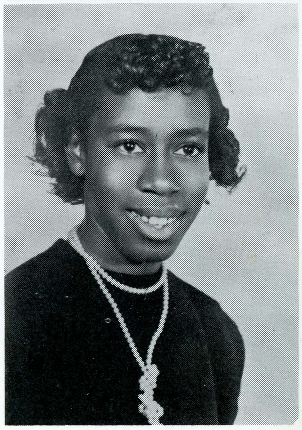
BARBARA ANN LYTLE
"Bab"
French Club, N. H. A., Commercial Club, Office Staff
"What I am or hope to be I owe it to my parents."
Vocation: Nurse



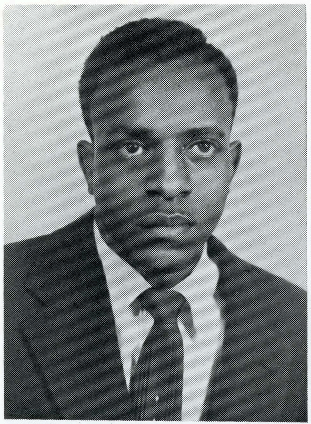
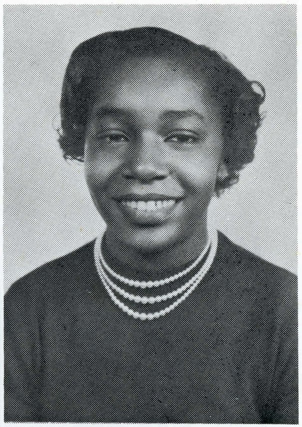
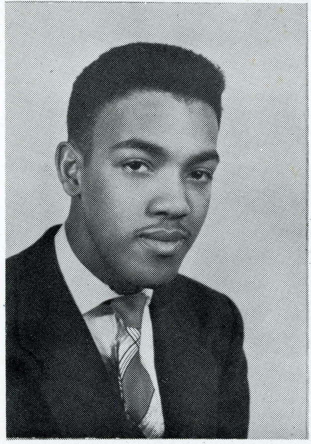
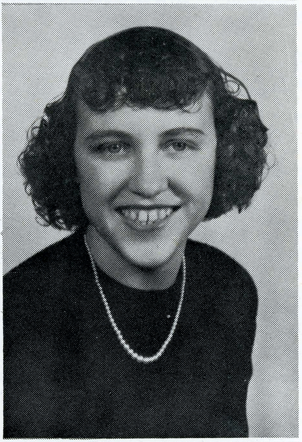
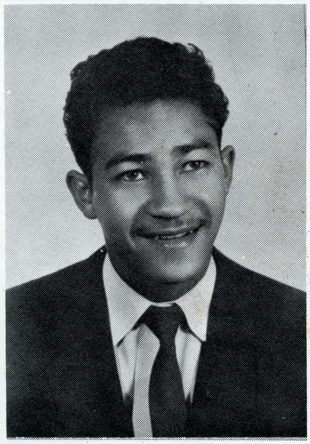
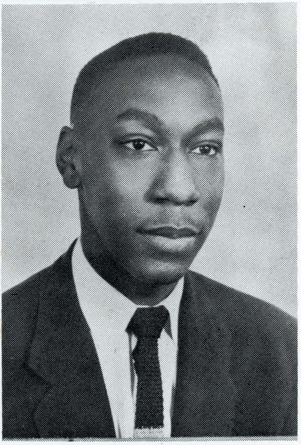
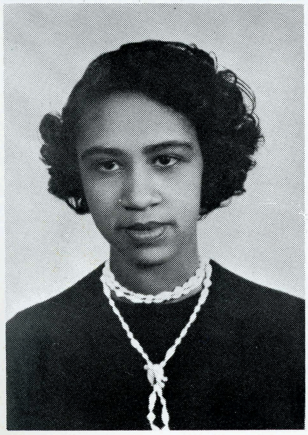
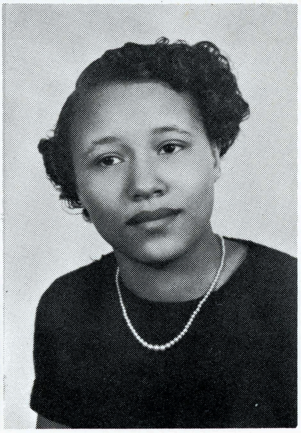
NORRIS J. MAXWELL, JR.
"Joe"
Trade Club
"All I am I owe to God."
Vocation: Mechanic



CECIL LYTLE
"Zeke"
Varsity Club
"Always trust God and you'll succeed."
Vocation: Professional Baseball Player



DOROTHY ANN METZ
"Dottie"
Commercial Club, N. H. A., Camera Club, Glee Club
"No one knows what he can do until he has done it."
Vocation: Nurse

ARCHIE MOORE

Art Club
"Speak well of everyone if you must speak at all."
Vocation: Commercial Artist

LORETTA MORMAN

"Retta"
Commercial Club, Camera Club
"Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you."
Vocation: Nurse

JAMES MUCKELVENE

"Pee Wee"
Literary Club, Varsity Club
"Not the end, just the beginning."
Vocation: Mathematician

LELIA MAE MURPHY

"Lele"
Crown and Scepter, Commercial Club, N. H. A., Camera Club, Office Staff, Yearbook Staff
"Success is like a ladder; you have to reach the top, step by step."
Vocation: Stenographer

KENNETH ALLEN NEWBLE

"Juan"
French Club
"He laughs best who laughs last."
Vocation: Diesel Locomotive Mechanic

ROBERT LEE OGLESBY

"Osby"
Band, Audio Visual Aids, Skylighter Staff, Yearbook Staff, Office Staff, Camera Club
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
Vocation: Mechanical Engineer

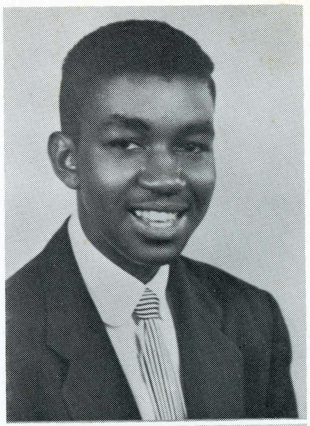
GLORIA ELIZABETH OWENS

"Puddin"
French Club, N. H. A., Dramatics Club, Glee Club, Senior Clique
"Be yourself before you be by yourself."
Vocation: Seamstress

PEARLIE PERTILLER

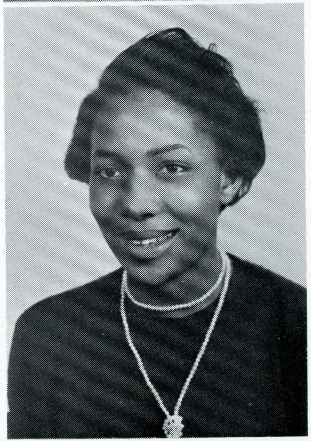
"Pearl"
N. H. A.
"The road may be hard and rugged but true perserverance is the sure way to success."
Vocation: Nurse

SITRENA MARIE PORTER
"Reebie"
Glee Club, Dance Group
"It is better to try and fail, than to fail to try."
Vocation:



CHARLES REYNOLDS
"Fully"
Spanish Club, Glee Club, Senior Council, Commercial Club, Dramatics
"Come what, come may, time and the hour run through the roughest day."
Vocation: Lawyer

FRANCES OWENS RANDOLPH
"Fran"
Glee Club, Dramatics Club Yearbook Staff
"Tis education forms the common mind. Just as the twig is bent the tree inclined."
Vocation: Nurse

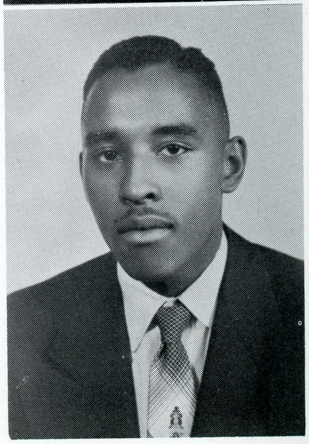


RUTH RICE
Varsity, Glee Club
"Smile so others may smile."
Vocation: Secretary

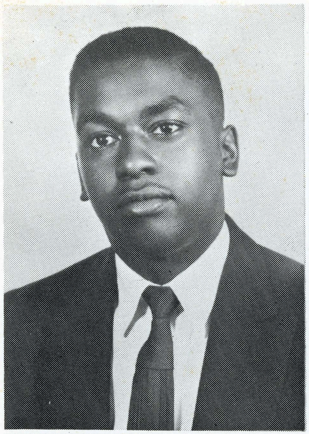
CARRIE LOUISE RAY
Commercial Club
"If you succeed you will have success."
Vocation: Nurse

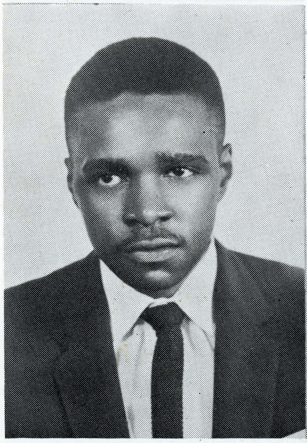
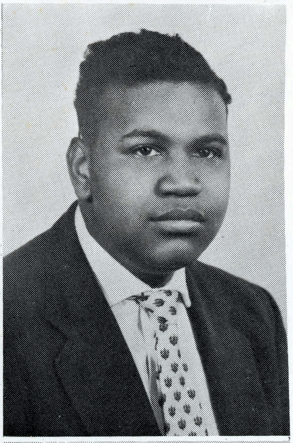
SHIRLEY JUANITA RICHARDSON
"Tumpie"
Glee Club, Skylighter Staff
"If I do not win, then I will make the winner break all records."
Vocation: Nurse

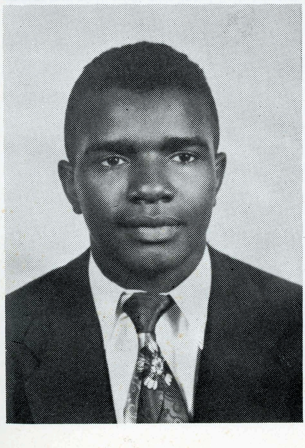
WILMA HELEN RAY
"Wimp"
Crown and Scepter, Student Council, Choir, Band, Skylighter Staff, French Club, Family Life Council, Senior Clique
"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not figures."
Vocation: Pediatrician or Journalist



WILLIAM HOYLE ROBERTS
"Dick"
Glee Club
"Anything that is worth doing is worth doing well."
Vocation: Cross Country Truck Driver





HENRY ROBINSON

"Tank Younger"

Varsity Club, Football
"Don't give what you can't take."
Vocation: Commercial Artist or Professional Football Player

ELIZABETH MARIE RODDY

"Lib"

Student Council, Crown and Scepter, Skylighter, Band, Basketball, French Club, Literary Club, Glee Club
"God's blessings go with you and with those that would make good of bad and friends of foes."
Vocation: Surgical Doctor

WILLIE RODDY

"Renito"

Trade Club, Glee Club
"It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."
Vocation: F. B. I. Agent

WALTER ROUSE

"Fatboy"

"Don't rush while others are rushing; go slow and take your time, because those who are rushing are leaving the best behind."
Vocation: Minister

DOROTHY LEE RUFF

"Dot"

Dramatics, Commercial, N. H. A., Glee Club
"All that I have done I owe it to God."
Vocation: Dramatics Teacher

WILMA SAVOID

"Wendy"

Crown and Scepter, Glee Club, French Club, Band
"Education is the only interest worth the deep, controlling anxiety of the thoughtful man."
Vocation: Nurse

KENNETH SAXTON

Varsity Club, Football, Baseball

"Sax"

"If you fail, try, try again and you'll succeed."
Vocation: Baseball Player

BESSIE SMITH

"Bessie B"

Glee Club, Camera Club
"Be the best of whatever you are."
Vocation: Nurse

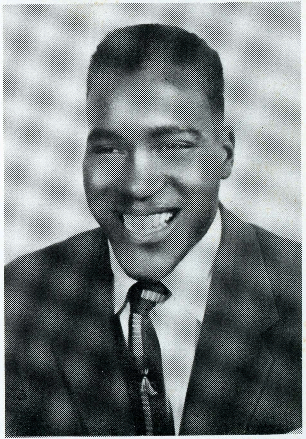
LAVENIA SMITH
"Vean"
Family Life, Literary Club, Choir
Commercial Club, Senior Clique
"It matters not how long we live, but how."
Vocation: Secretary

BONNY WARDLOW
"Barney"
Trade Club
"Whatever you learn, you'll never forget."
Vocation: Mechanic

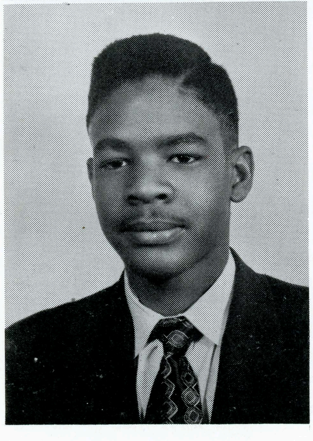
BARBARA JEAN TATE
"Babs"
Band, Glee Club, Junior Varsity
"Make use of the day; enjoy the present."
Vocation: Nurse

SOPHIE ELIZABETH WARE
"Tuffy"
Crown and Scepter, French Club, N. H. A., Commercial Club
"Study as if you were to live forever. Live as if you were to die tomorrow.'
Vocation: Nurse

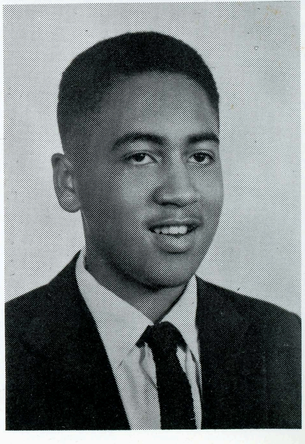
NOLA MAE THOMPSON
"Sugar-Sugar"
Dance, Senior Clique, Assistant Secretary of 12-2
"Upward, downward, forward."
Vocation: Nurse



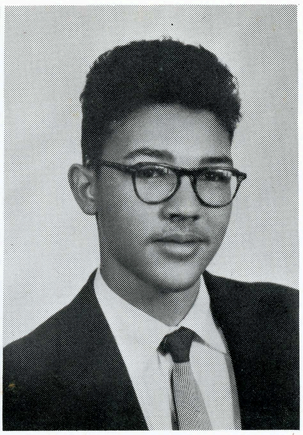
CLIFTON J. WHITESIDE
"Headside"
Trade Club
"It is better to have a high school education and not need it than to need it and not have it."
Vocation: Architect



SAMUEL HENRY THOMPSON
"Thomp"
Band, French Club, Crown and Scepter
"Success comes to those who seek it."
Vocation: Music Instructor



DAVID W. WHITTINGTON
"Dave"
Trade Club
"The world is full of power, but you have to fight to win it."
Vocation: Mechanic



VIRGINIA LILIE WILSON
"Gin"
Commercial Club
"To have a friend one must be a friend."
Vocation: Nurse

NORRIS C. WOODFORD
"Woodie"
Band, Glee Club, Crown and Scepter Club
"Love every moment you live and you will live every moment you have."
Vocation: Mechanical Engineer

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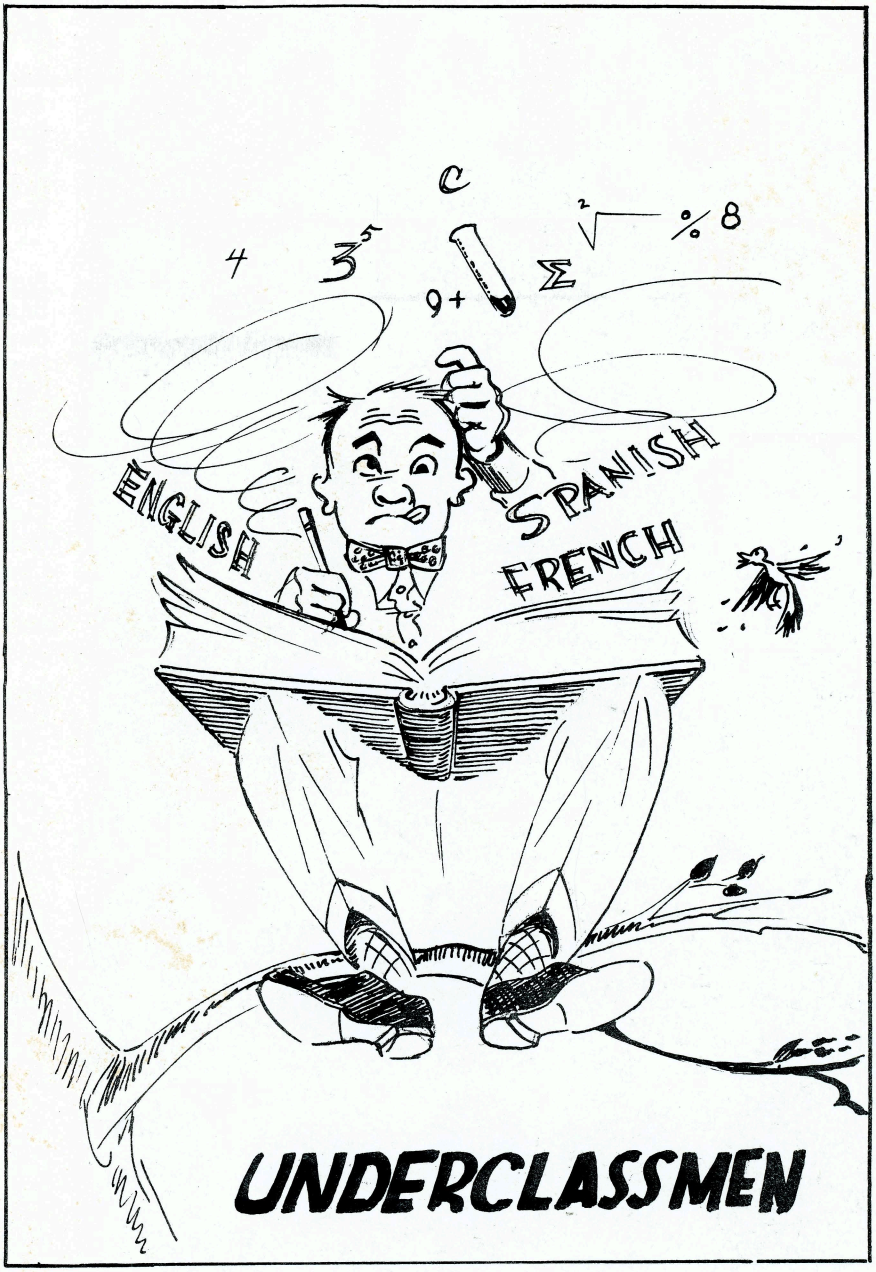
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The Minor Characters

Playing, competing,
Living and learning
With these has been fun.

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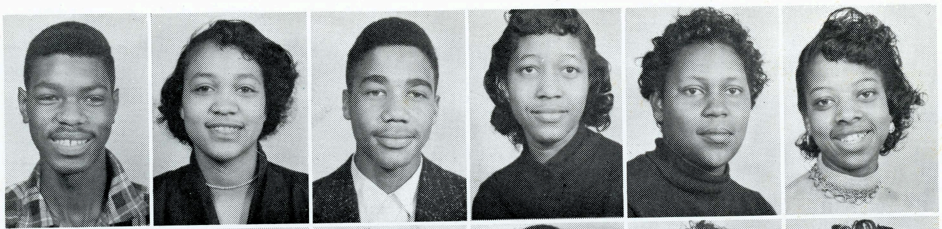

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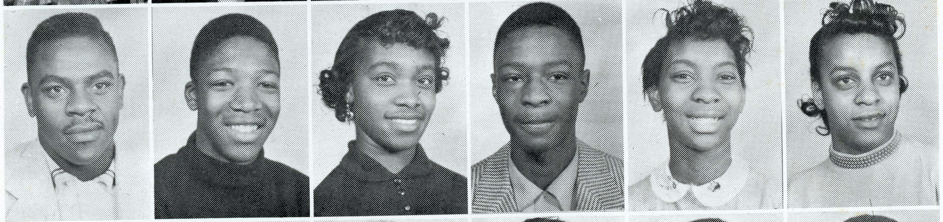

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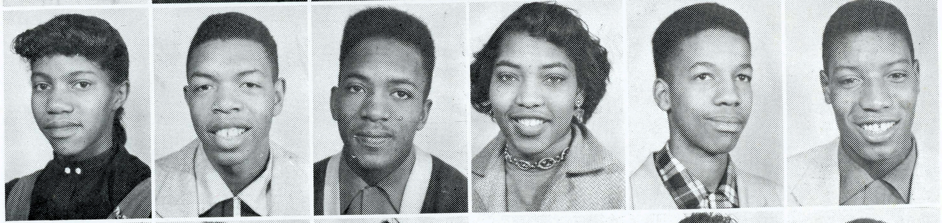

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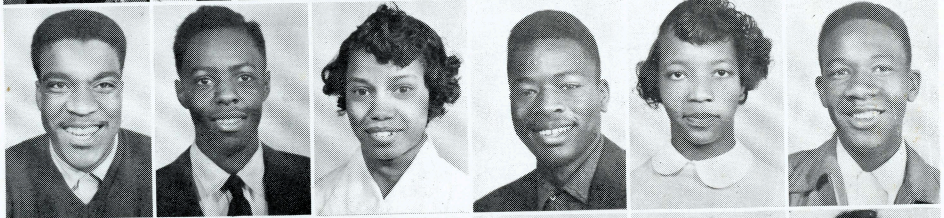

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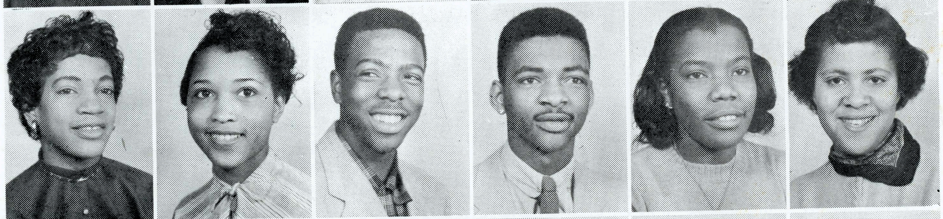

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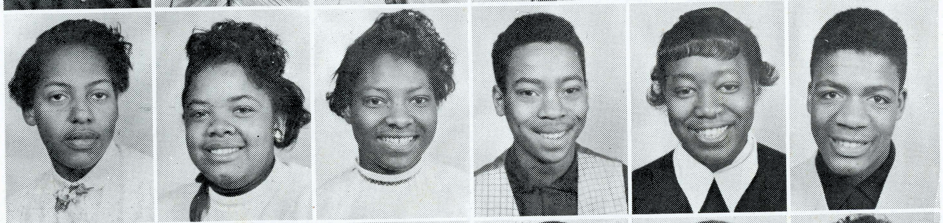

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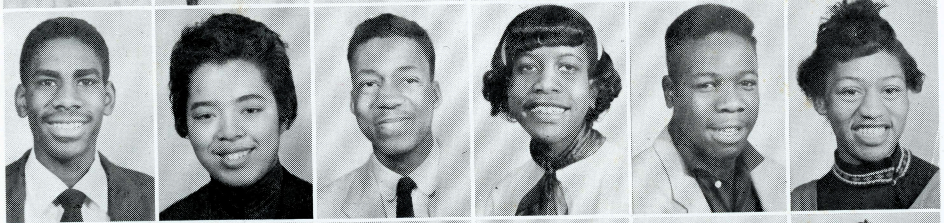

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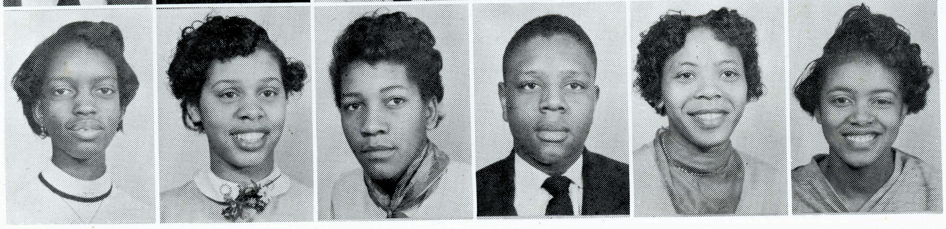

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JUNIORS

Holloway, Maxine
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Johnson, Robert

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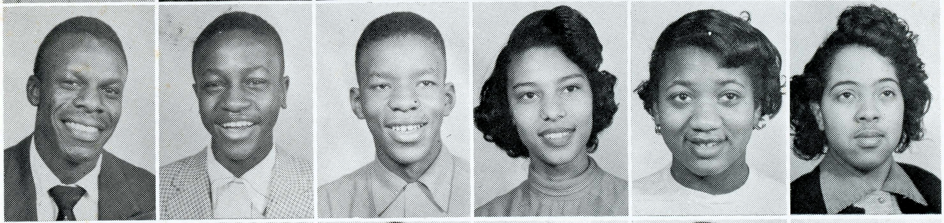
Machen, Mamie



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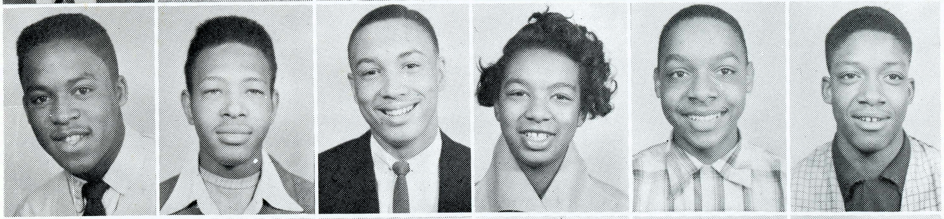

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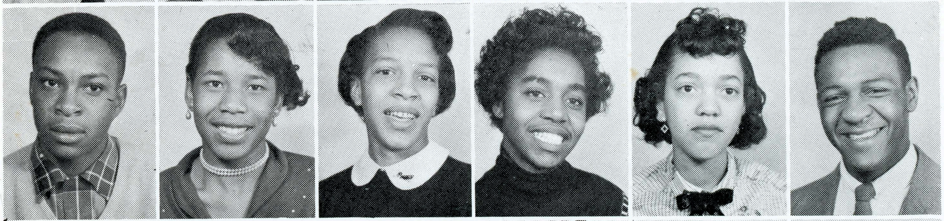

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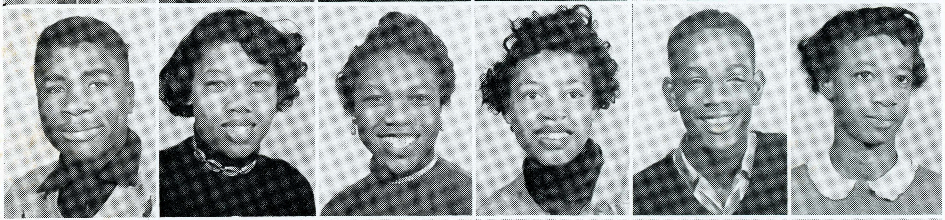

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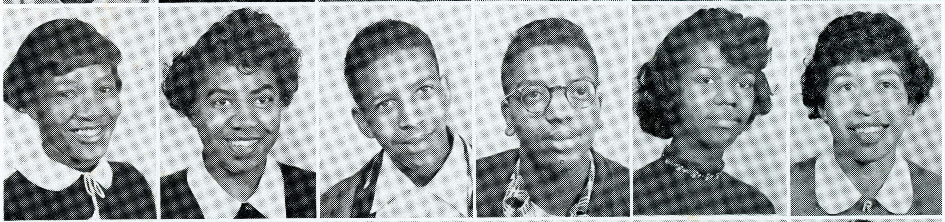

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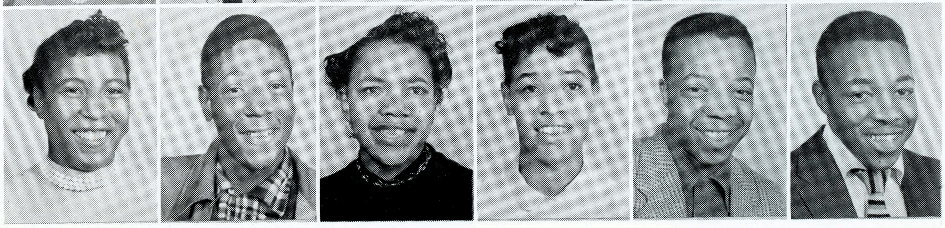

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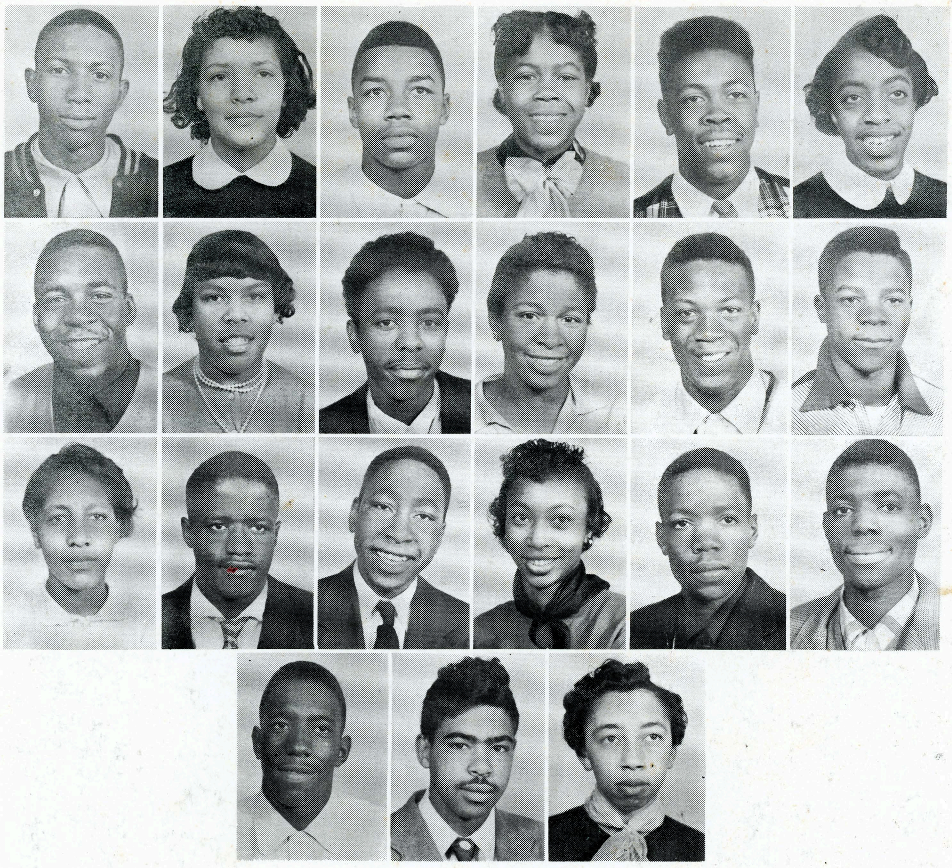

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Williams, Frank
Williams, Lewis

Wilson, Cordelia
Wilson, James
Wise, Thomas
Woodside, Ophelia
Wright, Charles
Wright, Paul

Young, Charles
Young, Charles L.
Zackary, Annette

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Standing: Benjamin Henderson and Hilbert Byers
Seated: Ophelia Woodside, Annie Vinson and Rebecca Robinson.

SOPHOMORES

Alexander, Tommie
Anderson, Ruth
Baird, Clairetta
Barton, Gwendolyn
Bennett, Virginia
Black, James

Bowman, Charles
Boyd, Dorothy
Brandon, Lewis
Brannon, Wilhelminia
Briggs, Betty Anne
Briggs, Betty

Brooks, Betty
Brown, James
Brown, Rochelle
Brown, Shuford
Burns, Bennie
Carson, Annie

Chandler, Charles
Chaplin, Joe L.
Clayton, Andrew
Collington, Donald
Copney, Julia
Cunningham,-Gladys

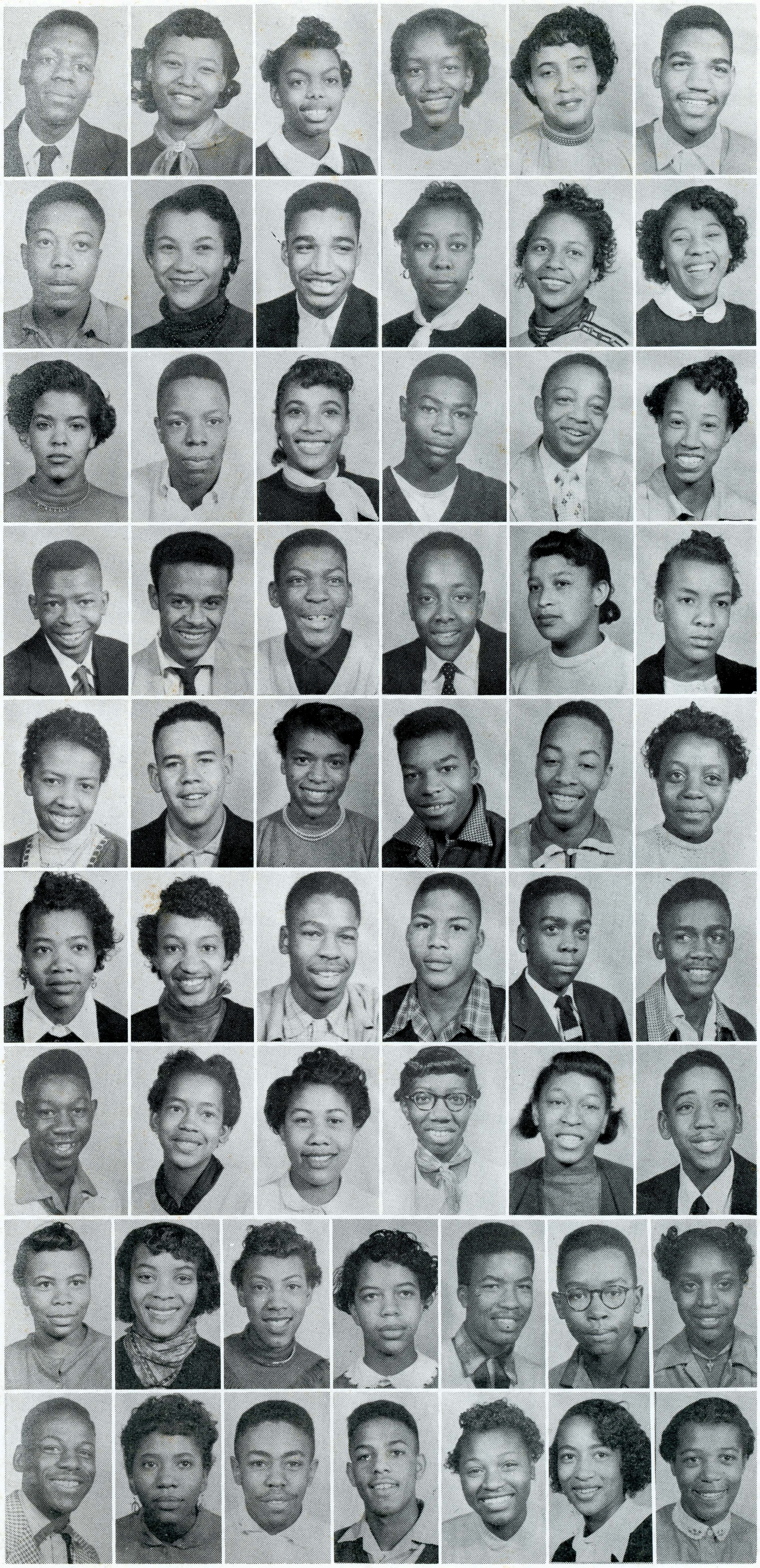
Cunningham, Glenna
Davidson, Rudolph
Davis, Hedy
Dean, Julian
Douglas, Roland
Durant, Virginia

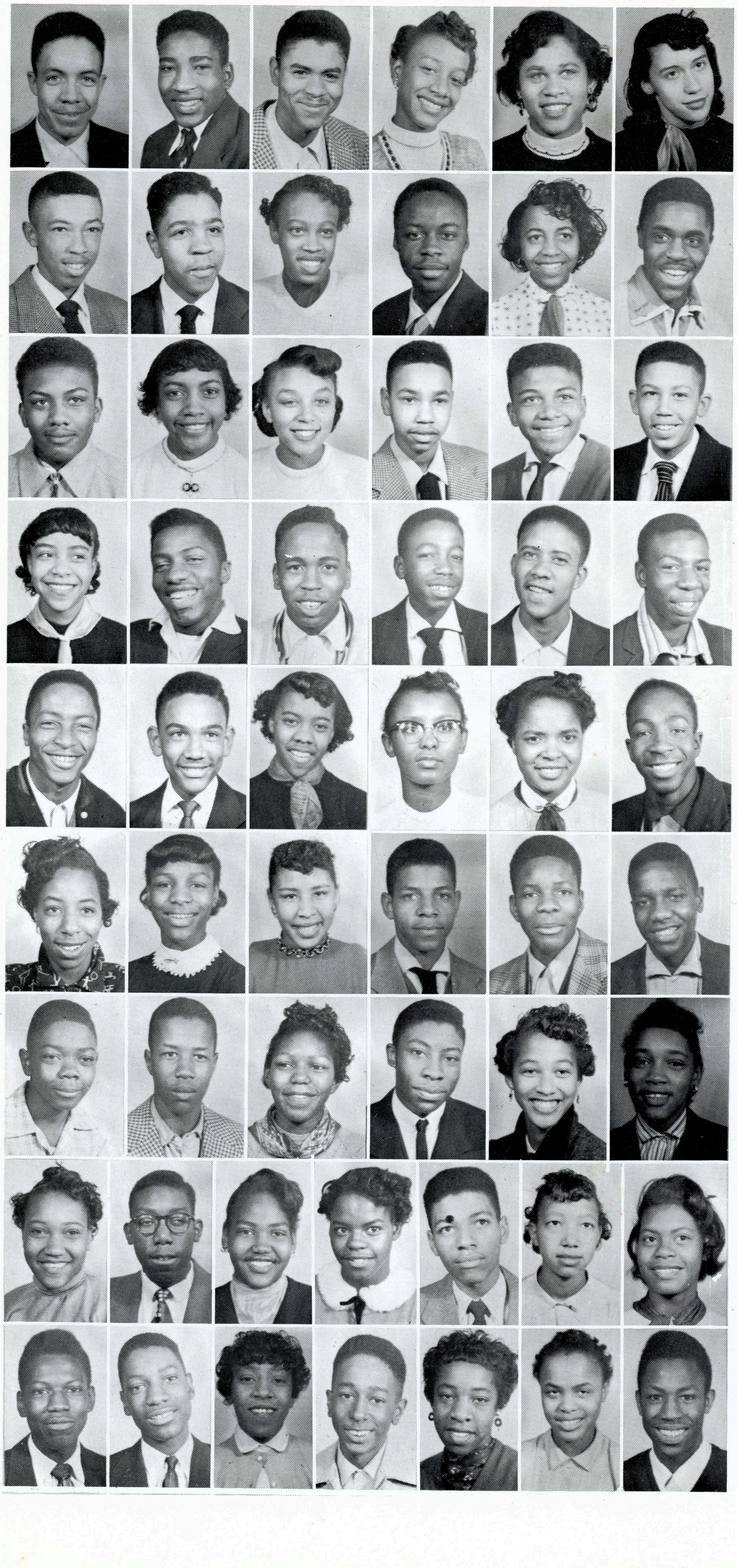
English, Annie
Ervin, Violetha
Ferguson, Alvin
Flint, Earl
Freeman, Cleveland
Freeman, Herman

Fuller, Marion
Fullwood, Annie M.
Gilmore, Joyce
Grant, Mary
Gudger, Doris
Hadden, James

Hudson, Hallie
Hammonds, Jeraldine
Hankerson, Barbara
Hannon, Judy
Hanks, Hugh
Harrison, Samuel
Heard, Genevieve

Hearst, William
Henderson, Louise
Hill, Henry
Irby, Theodore
Johnson, Elease
Johnson, Shirley
Jones, Phyllis





SOPHOMORES

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Lofton, Kenneth
Long, Leroy
Leslie, Louise
Lowery, Marian
Lynch, Gladys

Lytle, Kenneth
Mays, Herchel
Mills, Irene
Moore, Cecil
Moore, Mary
Morman, Robert

Mosley, Charles
Neale, Violet
Owens, Alice
Owens, Alphonzo
Owens, Frank
Owens, Leroy

Payne, Joan
Payton, Charles
Penland, Vernon
Peterson, Harvey
Procter, Joe
Pulley, William

Quick, Frederick
Randolph, Carl
Ray, Annie L.
Ray, Georgia
Ray, Joan
Ray, Levonia

Reeder, Royce
Roddy, Georgianna
Roland, Sarah
Ruff, Harold
Sherrill, Paul
Shumate, Donell

Simmons, Arthur
Smith, E.
Smith, Patricia
Stokley, James
Summey, Mary
Thompkins, Ophelia

Thompson, Lottie
Tribble, Willie
Ware, Alma
Watts, Nellie
Way, Harold
Whitmire, Joan
Williams, Annette

Williams, Clinton
Williams, Marsel
Williams, Mildred
Wilson, Charles
Wilson, Julia
Wilson, Lorraine
Young, Charles

FRESHMEN

Adell, Hattie
Alexander, Dannie
Anderson, Carolyn
Austin, James
Barnard, Frank
Barton, Fred
Barton, Sam

Beck, Shirley
Bellamy, Richard
Benton, James
Bolden, Barbara
Bowditch, Ilka
Brandon, Donald
Brandon, John

Bradley, Thelma
Brewton, Bobby
Burgess, Ramona
Burton, Leevonia
Carson, Stella
Carson, William
Castion, Ulysses

Chandler, Joe
Cohen, Willie
Coleman, Margarie
Coleman, Wilma
Conley, Earl
Copney, Lucy
Cornish, Jerome

Curry. Benjamin
Davidson, Luther
Daniels, Yvonne
Dill, Adlaide
Dorsey, Charles
Doster, Minnie
Finley, Earnestine

Fuller, Phillip
Funderburk, Eleanor
Gaines, Alfred
Gash, Melvin
Gilchrist, Mary
Glover, Ray
Goodman, Freddie

Goudlock, Jane
Graves, Patricia
Green, Eddie
Hammonds, John
Hanks, Woody
Harbison, Earl
Harper, Julia

Hermeny, Edward
Hill, Henry
James, Leroy
Jeter, Albert
Johnson, Doris
Johnson, Julius
Johnson, Robert

Johnson, Sally
Jones, James L.
Jones, James E.
Jones, Willie
King, James
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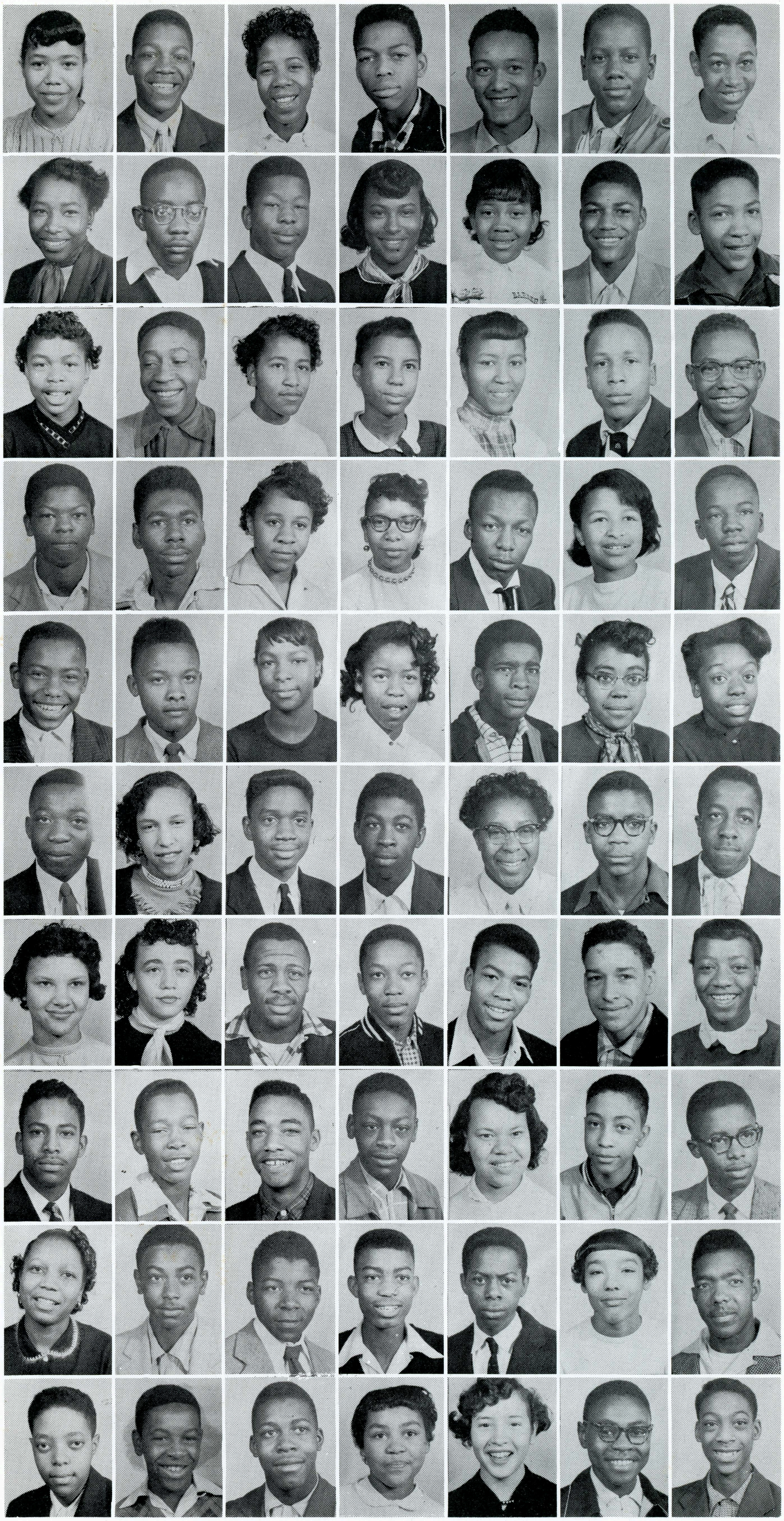

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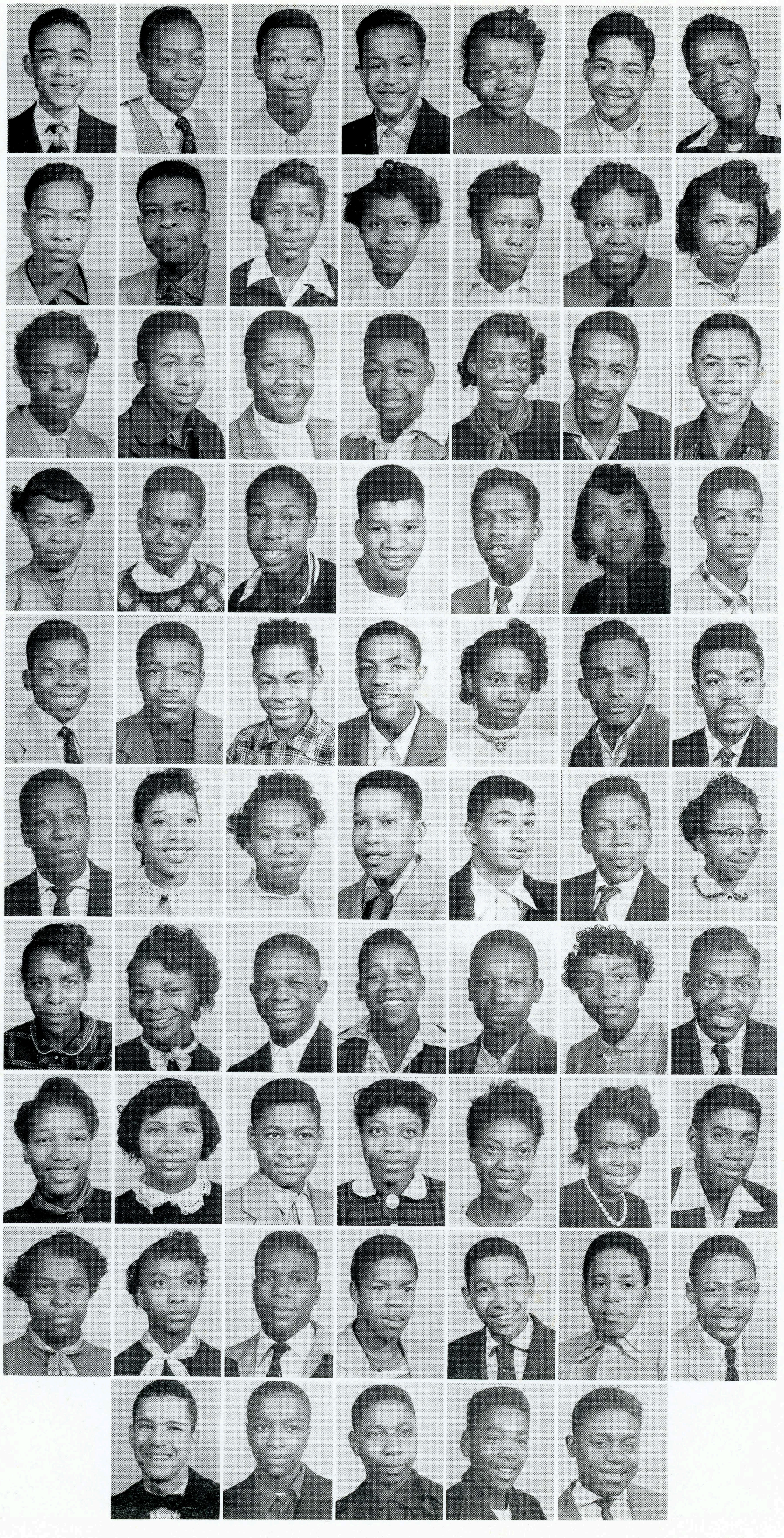

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Nelson, Barbara
Newble, Inita
Norrington, Dolly
Norris, Betty
O'Hannon, Ora B.

Payton, Louise
Pearcy, Alphonzo
Penland, Eugene
Pickens, Charles
Pinner, Emma
Poore, Cecil
Porter, Herbert

Proctor, Yvonne
Ray, Alonzo
Renwick, James
Richardson, Robert
Roberts, Ray
Roberts, Wanda
Robinson, Daniel

Robinson, Robert
Ruff, Robert
Rosemond, Ansel
Saxton, Oliver
Scott, Johnnie Mae
Shade, Everett
Smith, Billy

Smith, Frank
Smith, Mildred
Stamey, Maylee
Stepp, Finley
Stokeley, Athelston
Sullivan, William
Tatum, Mary

Tinch, Jonell
Thomas, Jean
Thompson, Harold
Thompson Talvin
Tucker, Charles
Turman, Frances
Turman, John

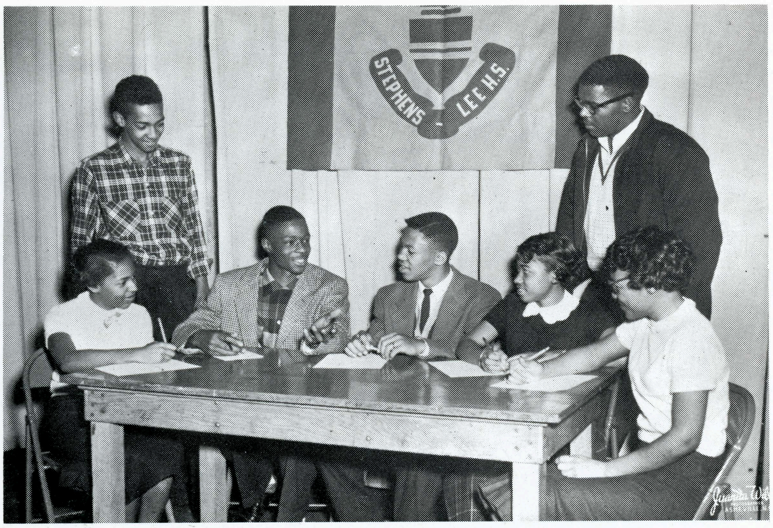
Tutt, Jessie
Vinson, Lucille
Waddell, Eddie
Walls, Arbella
Walls, Ethelean
Watkins, Lucille
Western, James

White, Betty
White, Gladys
Whiteside, David
Whitner, Charles
Whitmire, John
Whittington, Albert
Williams, Charles

Wilson, Larry
Wilson, Walter
Wise, Kenneth
Worthy, Ralph
Woods, Donell

The Plot

Neither crowded schedules nor conflicts
Have caused These People
To fail to carry on their appointed task.



Student Council

Objectives: To give the students a practical knowledge of school government; to build good citizenship among the students.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

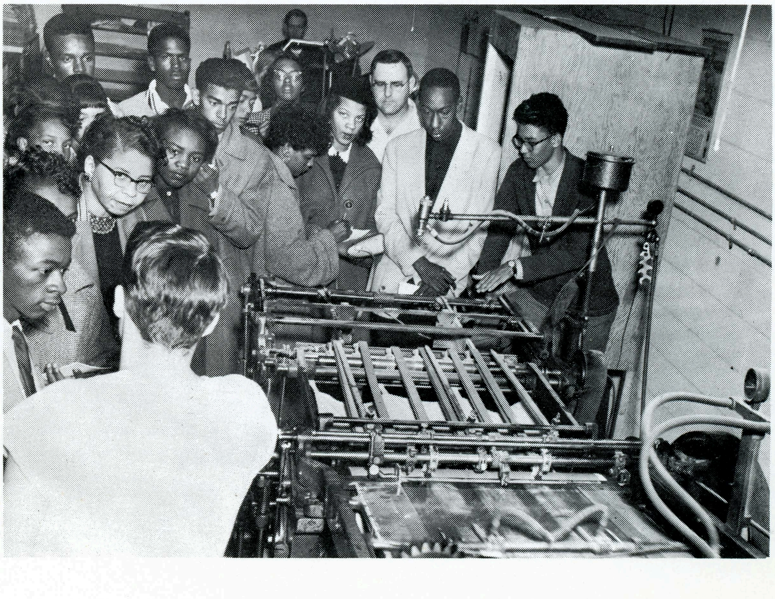
Standing: Jimmy Joseph and Martin Dawkins. Seated: Burnette Freeman, Hilbert Byers, Alexander Looper, Elaine Roland and Rosa Ervin.

Skylighter Staff

First Row: L. to R.—Miss Harrison, Mrs. Toliver, Donna Lyles, Johnnie Fair, Richard McDay, Elizabeth Roddy, Jerome Dudley, Rosa Ervin, Miss White, Mrs. Carolina.

Second Row: L. to R.—Juanita Richardson, Robert Oglesby, Miss Rumley, Norris Woodford, Alphonzo Owens, Willie Roddy, Martin Dawkins, Jimmy Joeph, Betty Jackson, Mr. Hope, Mr. Derr, Richard Leverette and Miss Pierce.

Exercising their freedom of the press by acquainting the students and members of the community with the many events going on in the school is an objective of the Staff. Through the "Voice of Stephens-Lee" the students develop many of their hidden talents in writing and other creative arts.



Journalism class on field trip.

Crown and Scepter Club

Objectives: To elevate the three cardinal principles: SCHOLARSHIP, CHARACTER, AND SERVICE. A requirement is to maintain an average of B or above for the first two years of high school. One of the services to the school rendered each year is the sponsoring of the spring production of the Dramatics Club.

Le Cercle Francais

Objectives: To get practice in the use of the French language and to get an understanding of the culture of the French people.

Spanish Club

Objective: To stimulate greater interest in Spanish culture.

Library Club

Objectives: To stimulate wider interest among students in the use of library materials.

The Literary Club

The Library Club aims to foster an appreciation for worth-while reading, to familarize itself with a few of the outstanding literary works and figures and, at times, to share this pleasure with others.

OUR BOOK REPORTS
HEAR AM SINGIN

The Commercial Club

Objective: To stimulate a greater interest in business activities.

Standing: left to right, Barbara Lytle, Lelia Murphy, Richard McDay, and Miss Kennedy.

The Senior Clique

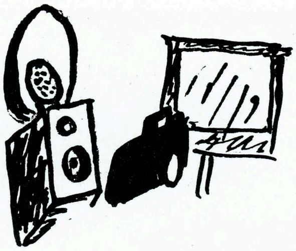
Objectives: To use leisure time wisely, to enjoy each other, and to have fun, fun, fun.

Y-TEEN
Juanita Wilson

The Y-Teens

Family Life

SCHEDULES
Juanita Wilson
Asheville, N.C.



The Camera Club

Objectives: To learn how to make and develop good pictures.

The Art Club

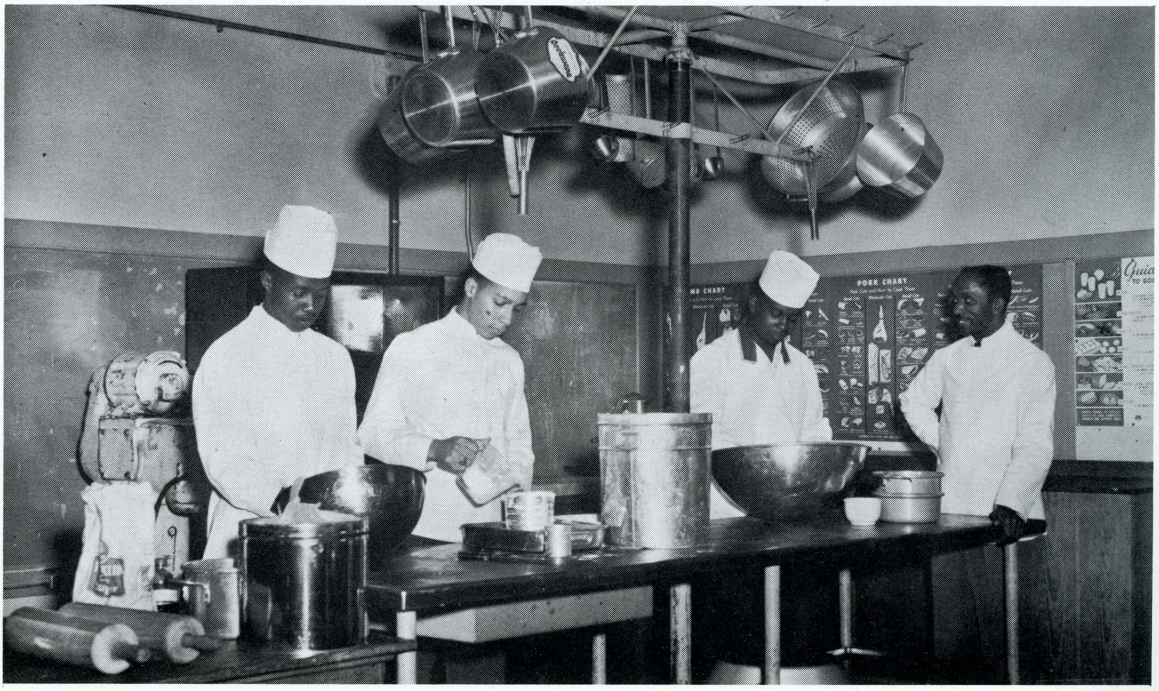
Objectives: To appreciate and work freely with art so as to stimulate the soul-giving desires for expression and for service.

HOW DID SOCIAL CHANGE
COME ABO

Construction of Modern Homes "Do it right—right now."

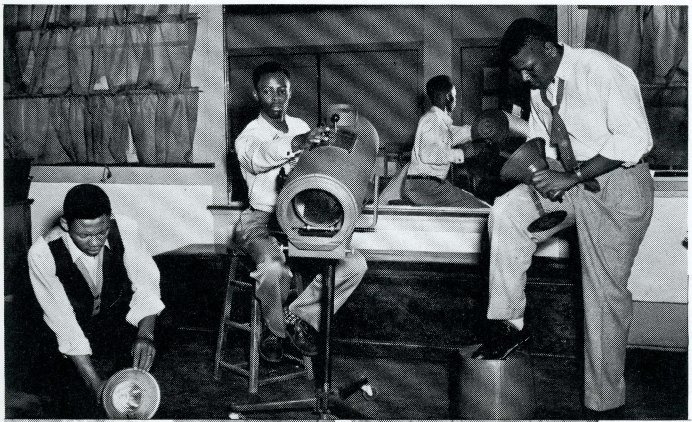
Vocational Education

The Commercial Cooking Class at Work: "Cookery is become an art, a noble science; Cooks are gentlemen."



Speech and Dramatics

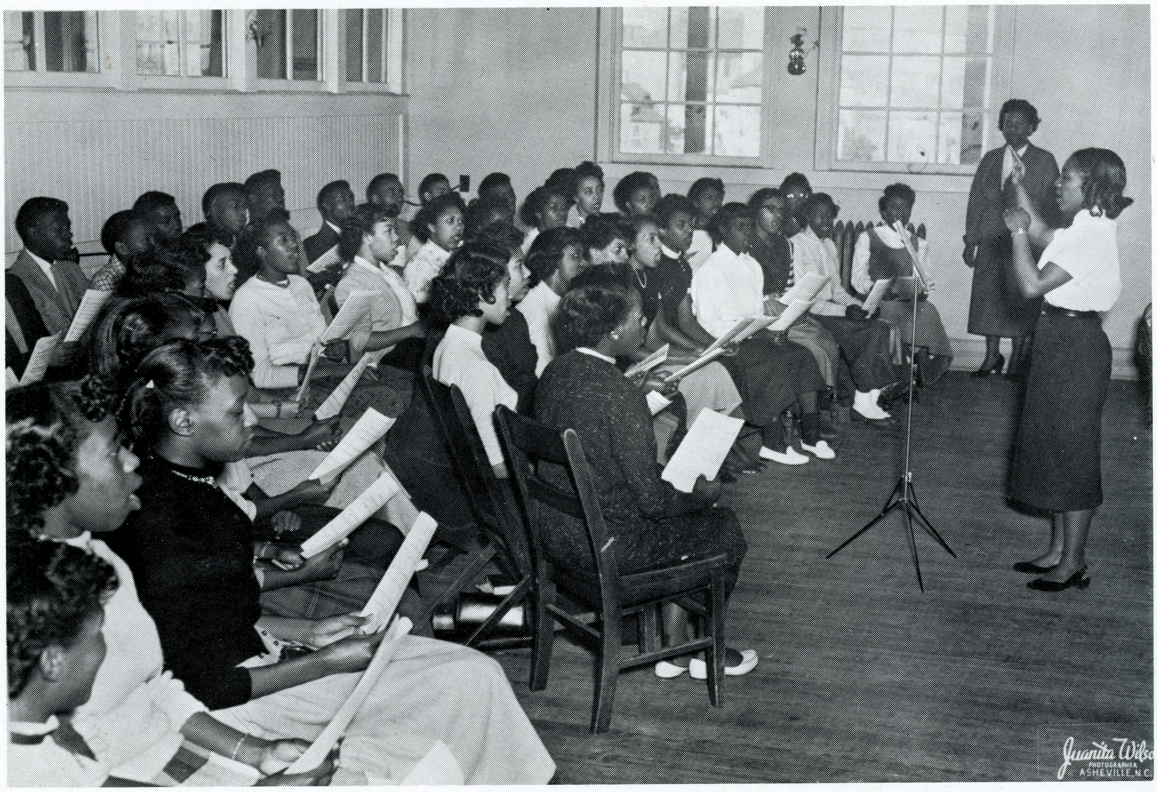
Speak the speech, I pray you, as I pronounc'd it to you, trippingly on the tongue. but if you mouth it, as many of your players do, I had as lief the town-crier spoke my lines.



"The Apple of His Eye."

The Glee Club

"Music is mankind's universal language."


Juanita Wilso
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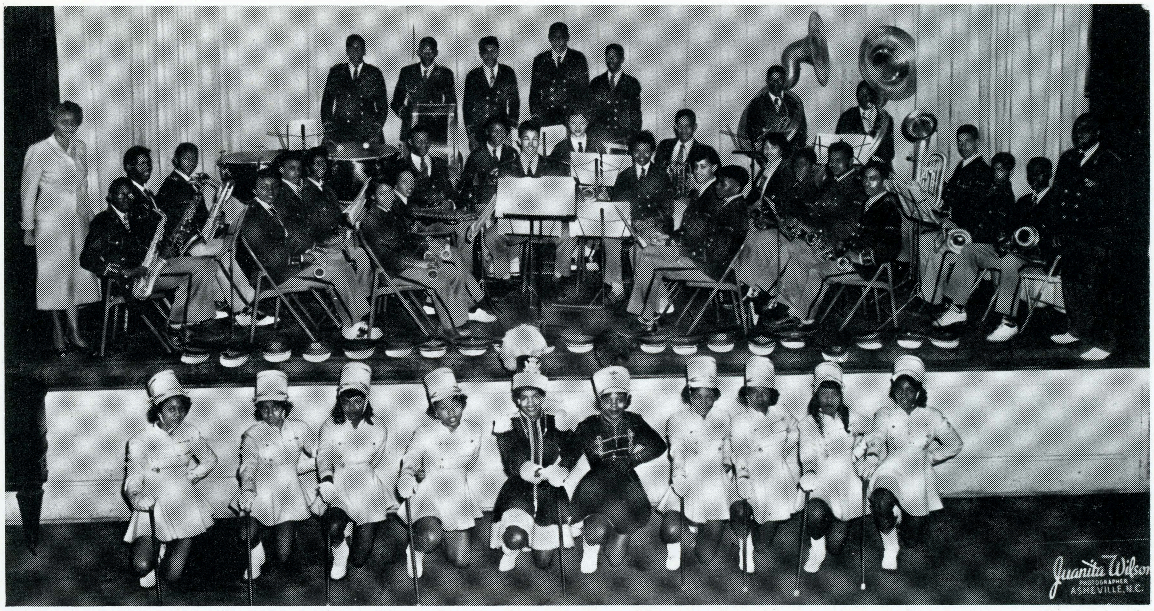
ASHEVILLE, N.C.

Rehearsal time under the directing baton of student director Wilma Savoid. Mrs. O. M. Reynolds looking on.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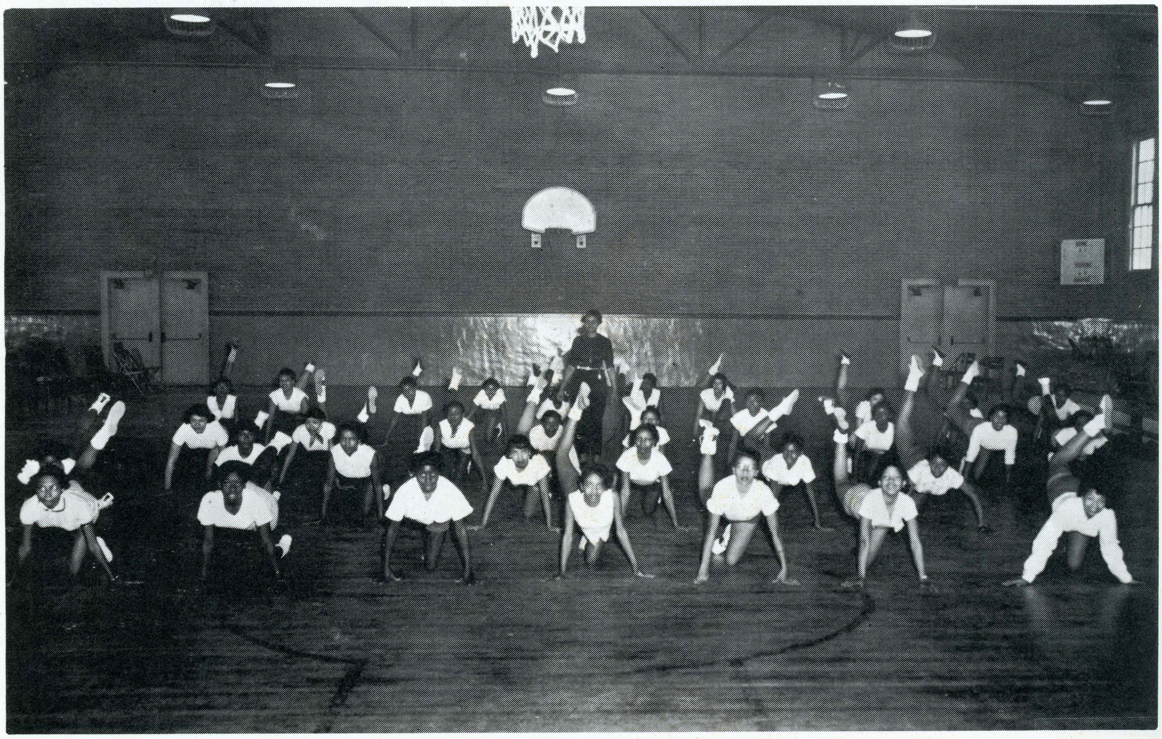
The Band

Objectives: To provide recreation and wise use of leisure time; to develop music skills and music appreciation; to acquaint students with good music literature; to serve as a public relations source.

Creative Dance

"The art of dancing stands at the source of all the arts that express themselves first in the human person."



In The Cafeteria

Lunch Line

Just outside the cafeteria at 12:30 on any school day.
"What you call healthy appetite
We feel as Hunger's savage tooth."

"Tis not the meat, but 'tis the appetite makes eating a delight."

CHANGING
SOCIAL PATTER
Juanita Wilson
PHOTOGRAPHERS
ASHEVILLE, N.C.

Indoor, as well as outdoor games, are a part of the noon hour recreational program.

Special Assemblies

12-4
10-6
12-4
9-4

THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN
JAPAN
JAPAN

IMPORTS
EXPORTS

INA
JAPAN

Finis

Loyally we fought,
Honorably we lost or won
For Stephens-Lee.
"In sun or rain, We shall remain
Faithful to Thee, Dear Stephens-Lee."

Juanita Wilson
PHOTOGRAPHER
ASHEVILLE, N.C.

"Queen of the Gridiron"

IVA GRAGG

"She Was Our Queen, Our Rose"

The 1954 Bears Football Team

Despite losing five first string lineman by graduation, the Stephens-Lee football team opened the 1954 season with a 19-0 win over The Newberry, high school football team. The victory made the Bears more determined than ever to become the top team in the Western division.

In Douglas Thompson, Wayne Coleman, and Eugene Hammonds, the Bears boasted one of the best scoring punch combinations in the state. Being unable to convert after touchdowns caused the Bears two 13-12 defeats, losing to West Charlotte High School of Charlotte, N. C., and Carver High of Winston-Salem, N. C., by the extra point. The defeats eliminated the Bears from winning the Western Division Championship. The remaining record was as follows: S-L 38, Gastonia 12; S-L 7, Spartanburg 6; S-L 34, Lexington 7; S-L 38, Greenwood, S. C. 0; S-L 34, Concord 0; S-L 6, Greenville, S. C. 38; S-L 12, Union 19. The season record was 6 wins and 4 defeats. Senior members of the team: Captain Eugene Hammonds, Wayne Coleman, James Hill, Henry Robinson, Kenneth Saxton, Cecil Lytle, James Muckelvene, Charles Goudlock, James Harrison and Thomas Linton.

The 1954-55 Bears

Standing: Theodore Linton, Eugene Hammonds, Alonzo Johnson, Herbert Watts, Benjamin Henderson. —Coach C. L. Moore.

Kneeling: Gilbert McClelland, Joe Eddings and Johnny Wardlow.

Absent from the picture are Wayne Coleman and James Adams.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Kneeling: Marcia Gardenheight, Cordelia Wilson, Ruth Rice, Cleo Hymes, Phyllis Jones, Joyce Gilmore, Ophelia Woodside, and Mary Ann Jones.
Standing: Coach Raymond Washington, Joyce Moore, Daisy McCants, Yvonne Cathey, Elizabeth Roddy, Corrine Evans, Mary Green, Jo-Ann Patterson, and Miss Katherine Chappelle.

The 1954-55 Basketball Record

BOYS' TEAM

The 1954-55 basketball team, one of the top teams in the state, finished the regular season with a record of eighteen wins and two defeats. This was one of the best cage teams in the history of Stephens-Lee.

After opening the season with a 51-26 victory, the Bears went on seeking victories over top-notched teams of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

The Bears were led by Alonzo Johnson, who stands an even six feet. He was the top scorer on the team with a twenty-one point average per game.

Other outstanding members of the ten man squad were Gilbert McClelland, Ben Henderson, Johnny Wardlaw, Herbert Watts, and Theodore Linton. Wayne Coleman, Eugene Hammonds, James Adams, Joseph Eddings and Johnson were the senior members on the team.

With this great team, the Stephens-Lee Bears ended the season with an 18-2 record.

GIRLS' TEAM

The Bearettes of Stephens-Lee High School, coached by Mr. Raymond Washington, finished the basketball schedule for the 1954-55 season with a record of 13 wins and 4 defeats.

The team was led by Co-Captain Ruth Rice, who averaged twenty points per game. The Bearettes have had a good season; they will be looking forward to a better one in 1955-1956.

BOYS' TEAM

S.-L.	51	Sylva, N. C.	26	S.-L.	76	Wilmington, N. C.	77
S.-L.	45	Knoxville, Tenn.	61	S.-L.	69	Spartanburg, S. C.	45
S.-L.	65	Roxboro, N. C.	38	S.-L.	60	Charlotte, N. C.	55
S.-L.	71	Johnson City, Tenn.	46	S.-L.	68	Knoxville, Tenn.	53
S.-L.	65	Bristol Virginia	40	S.-L.	78	Concord, N. C.	67
S.-L.	61	Spartanburg, S. C.	42	S.-L.	84	Charlotte, N. C.	45
S.-L.	53	Greenville, S. C.	34	S.-L.	59	Greenville, N. C.	32
S.-L.	61	Johnson City, Tenn.	34	S.-L.	53	Burlington, N. C.	44
S.-L.	71	Bristol, Virginia	38	S.-L.	61	Roxboro, N. C.	45
S.-L.	58	Elizabethtown, N. C.	34	S.-L.	76	Concord, N. C.	46

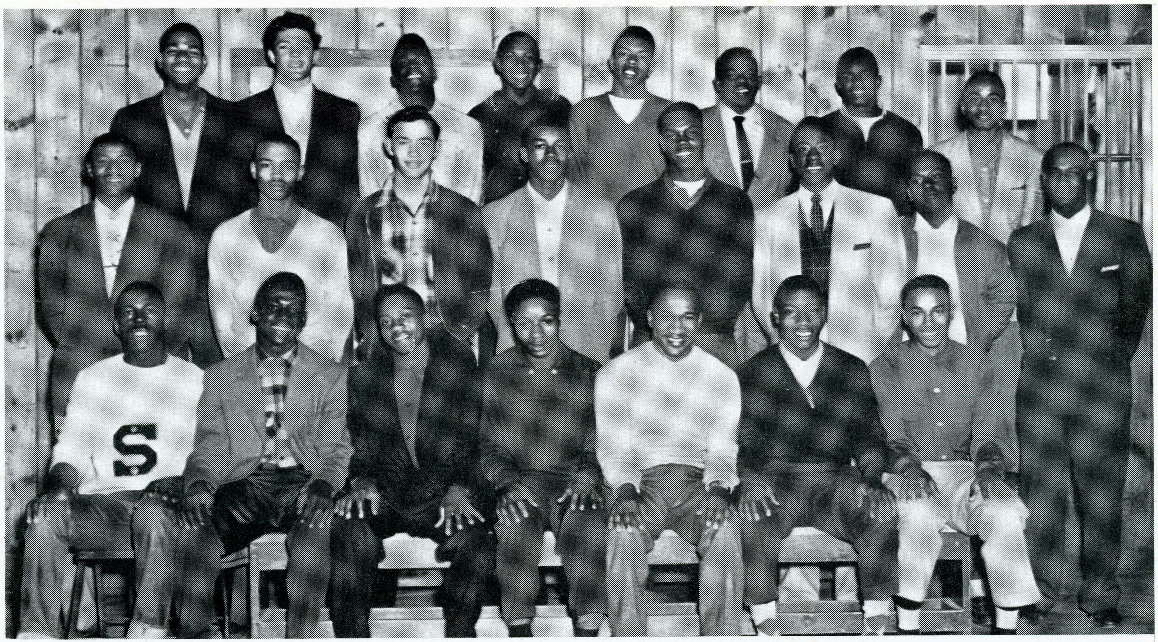
Won 18—Lost 2

The Stephens-Lee boys team were finalists in the Western District AAA Tournament and were semi-finalists in the State AAA Tournament.

GIRLS' TEAM

S.-L.	50	Sylva, N. C.	29	S.-L.	44	Asheville, N. C.	39
S.-L.	16	Hendersonville, N. C.	19	S.-L.	36	Asheville, N. C.	25
S.-L.	32	Hendersonville, N. C.	7	S.-L.	29	Spartanburg, S. C.	27
S.-L.	43	Canton, N. C.	19	S.-L.	22	Marion, N. C.	25
S.-L.	43	Johnson City, Tenn.	53	S.-L.	35	Concord, N. C.	33
S.-L.	52	Canton, N. C.	19	S.-L.	35	Greenville, S. C.	33
S.-L.	29	Greenville, S. C.	40	S.-L.	51	Concord, N. C.	29
S.-L.	36	Spartanburg, S. C.	28	S.-L.	40	Marion, N. C.	37
S.-L.	35	Johnson City, Tenn.	33				

Won 13—Lost 4



The Varsity Club

Objective: To increase interest in school and athletic programs.
Officers: E. Hammonds, President; A. Johnson, Vice-President; T. Linton, Secretary; W. Clark, Business Manager; C. L. Moore, Treasurer.

Baseball

Left to Right: Kenneth Saxon, George Gragg, Johnny Crouch, Eugene Hammonds, William Clark, Douglas Thompson, Harry Jones, Cecil Lytle, Wilbur Lytle, Wayne Coleman—captain, Mr. C. L. Moore—coach.

Cheer Squad

Left to Right: Violetha Ervin, Annie Mae Fullwood, and Naomi Lowery.

Physical Education

Seated: Rosa Ervin, Copy Editor; Martin Dawkins, Johnnie Fair, Assistant-Editor; Jerome Dudley, Editor-in-Chief; Irma Littlejohn, Frances Randolph.

Standing: Richard McDay, Robert Oglesby, Photographer; Eugene Hammonds, Sports Editor; Jimmy Joseph, Miss M. J. Rumley, Miss O. E. White, Mrs. R. C. Carolina, Mrs. A. P. Toliver, Archie Moore, Norris Woodford, Thomas Linton, Wilma Ray (not pictured)—Business Manager.

The Yearbook Staff

The 1955 edition of the *Bear* is a production which carries with it many memories of school days here at Stephens-Lee. The staff hopes that you will enjoy this year's annual, because into it have gone many long hours of persistent effort. If you enjoy it, we shall be rewarded.

Class Superlatives

Precious Greenlee Martha James	Best Looking	Cecil Lytle Richard McDay
Elizabeth Roddy	Most Popular	Eugene Hammonds
Barbara Lytle	Best Dressed	Thomas Linton
Nola Thompson	Class Cut-ups	James Adams
Precious Greenlee	Most Pleasing Personality	Jerome Dudley
Ruth Rice	Most Athletic	Wayne Coleman
Johnie Fair	Most Likely to Succeed	Thomas Linton
Martha Herring	Best Dancers	Alexander Looper
Johnie Fair	Most Intelligent	Jerome Dudley
Wilma Ray	Most Original	Medford Casey
Elizabeth Roddy	Most Genial	Martin Dawkins
Irma Littlejohn	Most Dependable	Robert Oglesby
Rosa Ervin	Typical High School Student	Alexander Looper

Class History

The morning of September 2, 1951, will always remain in our memories, for on that date we became high school boys and girls, eager to start an exciting adventure. Although we had spent our eighth grade at Stephens-Lee because of crowded classroom conditions in the school system, we had never considered ourselves full fledged high school students, even though we were on the hallowed Stephens-Lee campus.

How excited we were on that first morning! Freshmen were we with so many bewildering experiences confronting us: enrollment for different classes, schedule cards to be filled out, adjustment to this new environment; but oh how determined we were to endure to the end.

How happy we were to learn that our teachers were to be Mr. Dusenbury, Mr. Fair, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Foster, and Mr. Lewis. That first unit on "Orientation" gave us a promising start, which, we feel, has been the foundation of any degree of success that we have achieved during our high school career. We were proud to write Core I when we endorsed our papers.

Many of us participated in extra-curricular activities that first year—sports, music (band, glee club, and dance). Today many of us are in the four-year activity class.

Our Sophomore year found us quite ready to buckle down to hard work. This was our second year in the core program.

Now, as Sophomores, we began to picture ourselves two years hence marching down the aisles of Stephens-Lee. Our participation in extracurricular activities expanded that year, and many of us really made a name for ourselves. A large percentage of us made the honor roll for the first marking period. Gloria Owens won the dramatics award, a loving cup, for her outstanding progress in speech. Additional students made the band. Many students excelled in sports: Ruth Rice, Wayne Coleman, Alonzo Johnson, Kenneth Saxton, Henry Robinson, and Eugene Hammonds. Many of these students made the Varsity Club that year.

At last we were Juniors with so many things to do. That glimpse of marching down the aisle was just in sight. Our Junior year was a very successful one, indeed, for many eventful things happened that made us almost think that we were truly Seniors.

Our problems for that year were based on American history; these we found interesting. We participated in a city-wide essay contest sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Lodge of this city, "The Meaning of the Declaration of Independence to the World Today." We were happy to learn that one of our classmates, Johnnie Mae Fair, won the $25 Savings Bond. That same year Wilma Ray won the loving cup in dramatics, marking the second consecutive year that the cup had been won by one of us. Eugene Hammonds was elected King Cotton by popular vote to reign over the Cotton Ball, a gala affair sponsored by the Student Council. Nola Thompson was one of the gridiron attendants, a position she held ever afterwards. Lelia Murphy reigned as May Queen at another gala affair sponsored by the Student Council. We really felt important during our Junior-Senior Prom, an affair long to be remembered by all.

Many of us made the school's honorary society, The Crown and Scepter Club. All in all, our Junior year was a year to be treasured and remembered.

Seniors at last! After three years of preparation, we had finally reached what we considered our most important year. On the morning of August 31, 1954, many students entered school to register, but among them the happiest were the Seniors. We were easily spotted by our smiling faces and happy voices. How smug we were and how different we were from the half scared boys and girls of 1951! Now we felt that we were fully mature and capable of doing our best in this our last year.

Many things have happened to make this an eventful and memorable year. First, two new courses were added to the curriculum—journalism and commercial dietetics. Both of these courses were opened to Seniors, and we enrolled in them, eager for knowledge. Many Seniors were appointed as student teachers, positions which were filled with pride and efficiency. Two of our number, Nola Thompson and Mary Jackson, were attendants to the "Queen of the Gridiron." It is a source of genuine pride to know that our school newspaper, the SKYLIGHTER, has as its editor-in-chief, a Senior, Elizabeth Roddy, and associate editors Wilma Ray, Johnnie Mae Fair, and Jerome Dudley. Alexander Looper served capably as Mayor of the Student Council and Jerome Dudley efficiently as president of the Senior class.

How well we remember Senior English classes with a quiz *every* day; basketball games, with three of the five stars being Seniors: Coleman, Johnson, and Eddings; tests, Macbeth, circulation of the SKYLIGHTER, Senior meetings, discussions for plans after graduation, and expectations of the Junior-Senior prom.

We have spent four happy years here at Stephens-Lee, meeting new classmates, coming under the influence of wise and understanding teachers and taking the bitter with the sweet. We can truly say that these have been wonderful years.

As we near our graduation, we cannot help but smile when we think of all the heartaches and headaches our parents and teachers have suffered to help us to reach this point in our careers. We can only hope that we can repay our parents and teachers in the near future for all that they have done for us.

Class Will

We, the Seniors of Stephens-Lee High School, being of sound mind and body, do hereby, in this year of nineteen hundred and fifty-five, revoke all wills and codicils heretofore made by us and do make this our last will and testament.

To our principal and faculty members, we bequeath our undying appreciation and gratitude for their devotion to education, their patience, and their personal interest in us.

To certain trusting Juniors, the Mayor and his dependable Senior aides leave their positions in the Student Council, their headaches, and their driving desire to improve the student government. Additional responsibilities are left by the Senior members of the SKYLIGHTER staff to the Juniors, with the hope that they will forever work for, uphold, and honor the name SKYLIGHTER.

Martin Dawkins wills his ability to do French to Henry Dawkins and his journalistic ability to Theodore Linton.

Catherine Carpenter leaves to Doris Duncan her ability to wear straight skirts and to Gilbert McClelland her pleasing personality.

Kenneth Saxton leaves his ability to play football to Johnny Crouch and Eugene Hunter.

Henry "Tank" Robinson leaves his football shoes to Benjamin "Foots" Henderson.

James Adams wills his ability to play basketball to Charles Young and his jump shot to Johnny Wardlaw.

Cecil Lytle leaves his baseball uniform to Hilbert Byers.

Alonzo Johnson wills his love for basketball to Julius Johnson and his push shot to Herbert Watts.

Bessie Smith wills her English pad to Doris Silvers.

Jerome Dudley wills his first alto saxaphone to Willie Tribble and his organization ability to the president of the class of 56.

Eugene Hammonds wills his success on the football team to Earl Flint and No. 24 to Melvin Clemmons.

James Harrison wills his football jersey to Hilbert Byers and his ability to make friends to Clarence Lee Moore.

To Doris Duncan go the hair style of Pansy Greenlee, the personality of Lelia Mae Murphy, Pearlie Pertiller's ability to get along with others, and Nola Thompson's ability to get to school on time.

Ruth Rice leaves basketball suit No. 22 to Cordelia Wilson.

Jean Brewton wills her extra pounds to Rosa Littlejohn, Osia Dillingham, and Annie Fullwood.

To Rosa Littlejohn go the French book of Willie Jean Barton and the typing ability of Elaine Jeter.

Precious Greenlee bequeaths her quietness and lady likeness to Mary Briggs; also to Mary goes the neat figure of Juanita Lyles.

Richard McDay leaves his *English Heritage* to Robert Mosley.

Carrie Ray wills her typing ability to Louise Ray.

Edvenia Harris wills her art ability to Wanda Roberts.

Rosa Ervin leaves her French, Senior Clique, and Student Council roll books to Mary Howard and her responsibilities to her beloved sister, Violetha Ervin.

Wilma Ray wills her fondness for music and Mrs. Reynolds to Pat Grier and her heavy extra-curricular schedule to Elaine Roland.

Virginia Pearcy wills her typing ability to Sarah Ann Roland and Carolyn Anderson.

Walter Rouse leaves his extra pounds to Edward Hermany as an inspiration.

George Gragg wills his baseball ability to Preston Dorsey.

Wilma Savoid leaves to Joyce Moore her *English Heritage*, her love for Mr. Fair to Donald Morris, her place in the C & S to all freshmen as an inspiration.

Mabel Bradley and Irene Dill bequeath their height to Elaine Roland.

Lelia Mae Murphy wills her baby voice to Cordelia Wilson, her *English Heritage* to Ernest Gray, and her place in the C & S to Maso Boston.

Martha Herring wills her seat in Mr. Fair's room to Joan Greenleaf.

Annie Ruth Buggs leaves her place in the C & S to Dorletha Lytle and her love for Mr. Fair to Jacquelyn Mattison.

To William Sullivan, Samuel Thompson wills his ability to play trumpet.

Betty Irby wills to Joyce Gilmore her small lips.

Johnnie Mae Fair bequeaths her love for foreign languages to Georgianna Roddy and love for algebra and English to Harold Geer.

Sophie Ware leaves her place in the C & S to Phyllis Jones and her *English Heritage* to Catherine Brown.

Louis Carson wills Annie Sullivan his ways of getting to school on time.

Barbara Lytle wills her place in the office to Harold Way and Hershall Mays, and her tidiness to Virginia Harling.

Elizabeth Roddy bequeaths to Elaine Roland her position as president of the C & S, her position as editor of the SKYLIGHTER to Joyce Moore, and her pleasant ways to Georgianna and Violet Neal.

Irma Littlejohn is leaving her English work book to Jerome White and her job in the office to Shirley Thompson.

Dorothy Ruff wills her soft voice to Wilbur Lytle.

To anyone who can survive them, Thomas Linton is leaving his responsibilities.

Frances Randolph wills her slimness to Melba Proctor.

Sylvia Heard bequeaths her sewing machine to Geraldine Hammonds.

Geraldine Koon leaves her English pad to Mary Pertiller.

Alexander Looper wills his office of Mayor to the best man (choose him well), his voice to Jimmie McCracken, and his acting ability to Roland Hagan.

Jimmie Joseph wills his ability to solve algebra problems to Robert Moore and his responsibilities in the Student Council and Yearbook to Joyce Moore; to Ophelia Woodside and Joyce Moore he leaves his love.

Juanita Richardson wills her beautiful smile to Shirley Mills and her friendly ways to Jo Ann Ray.

Donna Lyles leaves her speech ability to Jacquelyn Mattison with hopes she will take advantage of it.

Wayne Coleman wills his basketball jersey (44) to Johnny Wardlaw and his skill in sports to Julius Johnson.

William Hoyle Roberts wills his ability to get to school on time to Vernon Penland and his singing ability to Wanda Roberts.

Clifton Whiteside wills his English seat to Madge Smith and gym shoes to Carl Reynolds.

To Marian Lowery, Marie Porter wills her leotards.

Christianna Brewer wills her place in the C & S to Judy Ann Hannon, and her love for Mr. Fair to Jane Goudlock.

Loretta Morman wills her quietness to Burnette Freeman.

We hereby constitute and appoint our beloved principal Mr. F. A. Toliver, sole executor of this, our will and testament. In witness thereof, we, the class of 55 testors, have to this our will written on parchment set our seal this day, June 4th.

Witnesses: Jimmy Joseph
Wilma Savoid
Alexander Looper

Class Prophecy

As a giant jet lands at National Airport, Washington, D. C., the sun breaks through with an intense radiance. It seems the entire world is aware of the sensational event that is about to take place. The Class of 1955 of Stephns-Lee High School is about to begin a vacation around the world on this the fourth day of June, 1965.

As the huge craft taxies down the long runway, the few passengers already aboard watch anxiously from the windows of the plane for the President of the United States to appear at his private gate. The President is none other than Jerome Dudley. Dudley was president of this class that in just ten short years has skyrocketed to fame and fortune.

This luxurious airplane was christened last night at the new Asheville-Hendersonville Airport. Officiating at the ceremony was Alexander Looper, present Mayor of the old home town. "The Bear" is being piloted by its designer Norris Woodford. His co-pilots are Wallace Lynch and Kenneth Saxton. All three are outstanding in aviational research and aircraft designing.

Other members of the class who were present at the festivities yesterday and are already on the plane are Lelia Murphy and Edvenia Harris, secretaries at the Asheville Citizen-Times office; James Mucklevene, principal of a new ultra modern school in Asheville; Marie Porter, Nola Thompson, Louise Williams and David Whittington, members of the faculty at this new school. Rev. Walter Rouse, a very influential young man in his profession, is present, and he doesn't mind throwing his weight around.

I suppose you're wondering who I am, and how I know so much about everyone in this class, a class which has been brought into world limelight through its wonderful contributions. Well, I'm Wilma Ray, president of the Alumni Association. In addition to keeping up with my classmates, which is indeed interesting, I practice medicine and am the director of a Children's Hospital in Asheville.

I see a crowd gathering at a gate to the far end of the runway. I imagine the air will be filled with happy chatter in a matter of minutes. La'venia Smith, who happens to be seated beside me, is now rated with the literary greats. La'venia is really the one who should be reporting to the world about this event, but she says after rushing to complete a novel that her publisher was screaming for, all she intends to do is rest and enjoy being with all the kids.

The steps are down now and rushing to the plane with Jerome are the following: Thomas Linton, President of Howard University; Frances Randolph, outstanding nurse and woman of the year; Wilma Savoid, modern dance instructor; Dr. Richard McDay and Medford Casey, sculptor; Supreme Court Justice Charles Reynolds; Jean Brewton, Mildred Jones, Barbara Lytle, Irma Littlejohn and Dorothy Ruff, all Pentagon secretaries. Many others are coming aboard, but Norris has just announced that we will be taking off in a few moments, so time out is given to fasten safety belts and prepare to greet many more friends in New York . . .

New York! And more excitement! While the plane is being refueled, everyone goes to the observation deck. Class cut-up James Adams drives up the ramp in a snazzy sports car which has been designed by Kenneth Newble. "Hoss" has inherited a large sum of money from an aunt who was unknown to him at the time of graduation. Many New Yorkers have joined our party here on the observation deck. Eugene Hammonds, Alonzo Johnson and Wayne Coleman are world known figures in the football, basketball and baseball fields, respectively. Socialites Gwendolyn Means and Rosa Ervin are just coming up from the Bermuda gate.

Martin Dawkins seems to be drawing a crowd. Wonder what he is up to? Oh, I see, he has an old '55 issue of the SKYLIGHTER. Dawkins is now the sports editor of the *New York Times.* Edythe Bailey and Junetta Beeks have very interesting jobs with the United Nations Organization. Louis Carson and Clifton Whiteside are responsible for many of the beautiful buildings along the skyline. Their architectual skill is being sought in all the major cities throughout the world. Many of the unusal signs on Broadway and Times Square are products of Archie Moore and Geraldine Koon, commercial artists. Robert Oglesby, photographer, has just announced the opening of his ultra modern studio. He plans to take candid shots of the entire vacation-reunion.

The plane from San Francisco has been announced. The announcer was none other than Charles Goudlock. I see Johnnie Fair coming from the Customs Bureau. She has just arrived from Milano, Italy, on concert tour in time for reunion.

The N.Q.L.I. passengers are about to leave their craft. The theme used by the class, "Nothing Quite Like It," has certainly proved true. There has been nothing quite like the class of '55.

A mob of teen-agers is gathering at the gate where the California grads are coming through. It's hard to tell whether they are clammering for trumpeteer, Samuel Thompson; whether they just want to get a glimpse of Martha Herrings's fabulous clothes, which are all her own creations; or whether they are trying to see James Hill, track star. At any rate, these kids aren't giving up.

On the plane steps I see Juanita Richardson. She and Martha James are neighbors in California. As a matter of fact, they own adjoining orange groves. "Mother of the Year" Irene Dill is making her way through the crowd.

Betty Irby, owner of a button factory, is coming into view. Betty Jackson, Barbara Tate, Sophie Ware and Sylvia Heard are all airline nurses and doing a splendid job. Professor Jimmy Joseph is making his way toward me now. "Pete" is teaching at U.C.L.A. With him are James Green, a member of the Philadelphia Symphony; Benny Wardlaw, business man; Bessie Smith, social worker; Carrie Ray, hat designer, and Mabel Bradley, secretary.

The crew is leaving the N.Q.L.I. now. Pilot Maj. Gen. Willie Roddy, co-pilot Col. Joseph Arrington, Steward Clifton Friday, and Stewardess Pearlie Pertiller, are signalling the other members of the party to board the "Bear." Everyone is really excited as they leave the observation deck . . .

Filling the huge cruiser is a slow process, but at last its done. The light-hearted conversations are interupted by the flashing light saying, "fasten belts and no smoking." There is silence now, and I guess all suddenly realize how tired they are. As the chairs recline and eyes close, I am able to see Dr. Precious Greenlee and her sister Pansy, a nurse; Bobby Davis, statistician; Edith Abbott, National Y.W.C.A. director; Norris Maxwell, engineer; Hoyle Roberts, owner of the world's largest and fastest trucking company, and many others.

The hum of the big motors puts everyone to sleep, and I'm left alone to reminisce and dream of Paris, London, Rome, and all the other places and to see other classmates. In Paris we will see Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison. James is director of the medical school at the University of Paris; his wife, the former Elizabeth Roddy, is also a doctor. Her work in cancer research is outstanding. Virginia Fleming will be waiting for us at the London Airport. She is the first American to be employed as the personal secretary to the Queen. Then in Rome we will see Joseph Eddings and Gragg. We'll be stopping at one of the Barton Hotels in Munich, Germany; Carlois is quite prominent there.

We will be going on and on: Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, Japan, and so many other places. The class of 1955 will always be going places and doing things. In just ten years this class has made achievements never made before by any group so young. The fun of reunion-vacation is just beginning but, I can assure you, there will be "Nothing Quite Like It."

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